The Ragozin QGD
125 Reference Games

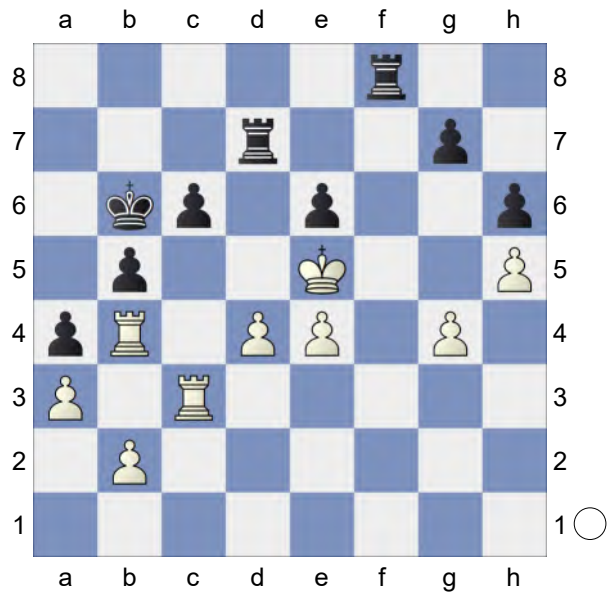
Chess Notes 2025

1 **D38**
□ **Ding Liren** **2734**
■ **Yu Yangyi** **2714**
15th Nat PRC RR Men rapid (4.3) 25.9.25
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Bd7 10.Qb3 dxc4 The position is equal. **11.Qxc4 Qg6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Rfd1 Na5 14.Qd3**
[14.Ne5 is more complex. Nxc4 15.Nxg6 Nxb2 16.Rdb1]
14...Qxd3 15.Bxd3 Rfd8
[15...Nc6 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Bc4 Bc6 18.Nfd2 Be7 19.a3 Nd5 20.Rac1 a5 21.Bd3 Rfd8 22.Nc4 Bb5 23.Ne5 Be8 24.h3 Kf8 25.Bc4 f6 26.Nd3 b6 27.Nd2 c6 28.Bb3 Rac8 29.Nf3 Bg6 30.Bc2 ½-½ Praggnanandhaa,R (2661)-Predke,A (2692) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (8)]
16.Rac1 Nc6N
[16...Rac8 17.Be2 Nc6 18.Nd2 e5 19.d5 Ne7 20.Nc4 f5 21.e4 a6 22.exf5 Nxf5 23.Bd3 b5 24.Na5 Nd4 25.Nb7 Rf8 26.Ne4 Be7 27.Rc3 Bf5 28.Kf1 Bb4 29.Rcc1 Rf7 30.Nec5 Bg4 31.f3 1-0 (43) Kachkin,K (1909)-Hopka,M (1774) Match Alapin-Tarrasch +4-1=0 1902 Nxf3 32.gxf3 Bxf3 33.Kg1 Bxd1 34.Rxd1 Rf4 35.Ne6 Rg4+ 36.Kf2 e4 37.Be2 Rh4 38.Kg2 Bd6 39.h3 Be5 40.Rc1 Re8 41.Nxc7 Rb8 42.Ne6 g5 43.Nbd8 1-0 Burg,B (1909)-Heiermann,L (1774) corr 22. PV-03-S 2022]
17.Ne4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Bc6 19.a3 Nd5 20.Nfd2 a5 21.Nc4 Bf8 22.h4 a4 23.g4 Nf6 24.f3 Be7 25.h5 Bd5 26.Kf2 Ra6 27.Nc5 Raa8 0.81/22
[27...Bxc5= 0.07/24 28.dxc5 Nd7]
28.Ne5± c6? 2.36/22
[28...b6± 0.85/23 29.Ncd3 Ne8]
29.e4 1.32/27
[29.Nxb7 Rdb8 30.Nc5 Rxb2+ 31.Kf1 Bxc5 32.dxc5 Ba2±]
[White should try 29.Bc2+- 2.36/22]
29...Bb3 30.Rd3 White is more active.
30...Bxc5 31.Rxc5 0.50/29
[31.dxc5± 1.34/31 Rxd3 32.Bxd3]
31...Kf8 32.Ke3 Nd7 33.Nxd7+ Rxd7 34.Bc2 Bxc2 35.Rxc2± Endgame KRR-KRR **35...Ra5 36.Rc4 Ke7 37.Rb4 Kd8** 0.78/25
[37...b5± 0.42/24]
38.Rc3± Kc7 1.43/26
[38...Ra6± 0.64/22]
39.f4 0.14/24
[White has to play 39.Rc5!± 1.43/26 b5 40.Rbc4]
39...b5!= 40.f5↑ White has some pressure. **40...Kb6** White must now prevent ...e5!. **41.Kf4 Ra8 42.fxe6 fxe6** 0.86/25
[42...Re7= 0.08/24 remains equal.]
White now steadily converts the win.
43.Ke5± Rf8 2.55/24
[43...Rdd8± 1.07/24]

(Diagram)



44.b3!+-
[44.Kxe6? Rdd8 45.d5 c5-+]
44...axb3 45.Rcxb3 And now a4! would win. **45...Ka5** 3.25/26
[45...Rb7 2.29/25 was necessary. 46.a4 *(46.Kxe6?* is a self mate. *Rf6+ 47.Ke5 Re7#)* 46...Ka5]
46.Kxe6 Rdd8 4.56/26
[46...Rb7 2.63/27 47.e5 Rbb8]
47.d5 Rfe8+ 6.76/23
[⌓47...Rf6+ 4.29/24 48.Ke7 Rff8]
48.Kf7 Rf8+ 49.Kxg7 Rg8+ 50.Kf7
[50.Kxh6 Rxg4 51.Kh7 *(51.dxc6? Rh8#)* 51...Rd7+ 52.Kh6 Rd6+ 53.Kh7 Rh4=]
50...Rxg4 51.dxc6
[51.e5 Rg5=]
51...Rg5 52.Ke7 Rdg8 53.Rd3 Rxh5 54.Rd5
[Inferior is 54.c7 Kb6=]
54...Rh3 55.c7 Rc3 56.Rbxb5+ Ka6 57.Rbc5 Rg7+ 58.Kd8 Rg8+ 59.Kd7 Threatening mate with Ra5+. **59...Rg7+ 60.Kc6 Rg6+**

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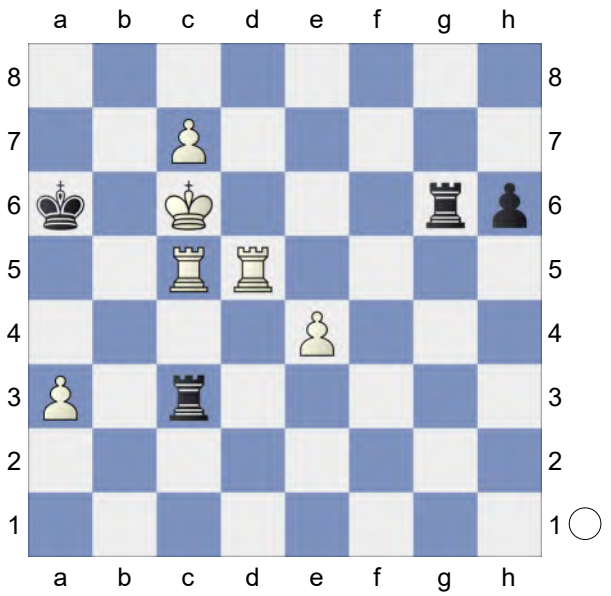

61.Rd6! Rxd6+ 62.Kxd6 Rxc5 63.Kxc5 Kb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.65
64.Kd6
1-0

2 **D38**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2729**
■ **So,W** **2745**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (8.1) 14.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 a6 9.a3 White has an edge. **9...Bd6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 h6 13.0-0 e5 14.Rae1** -0.01/21
[14.Rad1± 0.40/19 was preferable.]
14...Qc8N 0.70/23
[14...b5= -0.01/21 15.Bd3 b4]
[14...Qe7 15.Nh4 Qd8 *(15...Kh8 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Rf8 18.Nd5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Nh7 20.Ba2 Ng5*

21.Qh5 Ne4 22.Bc1 f5 23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Qe8 25.Qxe8 Raxe8 26.a4 Rb8 27.Bb2 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rb1 Kh7 30.Rfd1 ½-½ (85) Sammalvuo,T (2368)-Risting,E (2329) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (5.1) *)* 16.Qb3 Rf8 17.Qd1 b5 18.Ba2 Kh8 19.Bc1 g5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.f4 gxh4 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.e4 Rg8 24.Bxf7 Rg7 25.Bf4 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 Bxh3 27.Kh2 Bd7 28.Be6 Ng4+ 29.Rxg4 1-0 (53) Aronian,L (2571)-Bagirov,R (2516) EU-ch 3rd Batumi 2002 (11) Bxe6 30.Qxd8+ Rxd8 31.Rxh4 Kh7 32.Re2 Rd4 33.Rf2 Rf7 34.Rxf7+ Bxf7 35.Rf4 Kg7 36.Rf5 Rc4 37.Kg3 c5 38.Kf3 b4 39.axb4 cxb4 40.Nd5 b3 41.Ne3 Rd4 42.Ra5 Bg6 43.Nf5+ Bxf5 44.exf5 ½-½ (53) Aronian,L (2793)-Giri,A (2771) 134/140 Stavanger 2017]

15.dxe5 0.03/22

[15.Nxe5!± 0.70/23 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Rxe5 17.f4]

15...Nxe5 0.68/20

[15...Bxh3!= 0.03/22 16.exf6 *(16.exd6 Qg4∓; 16.gxh3 Qxh3 17.exd6 Qg4+ 18.Kh2 Qxf3∓)* 16...Qg4]

16.Nxe5± Bxe5 17.f4! Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Ne4 19.Be5 This pair of bishops is nice.

19...Bc6

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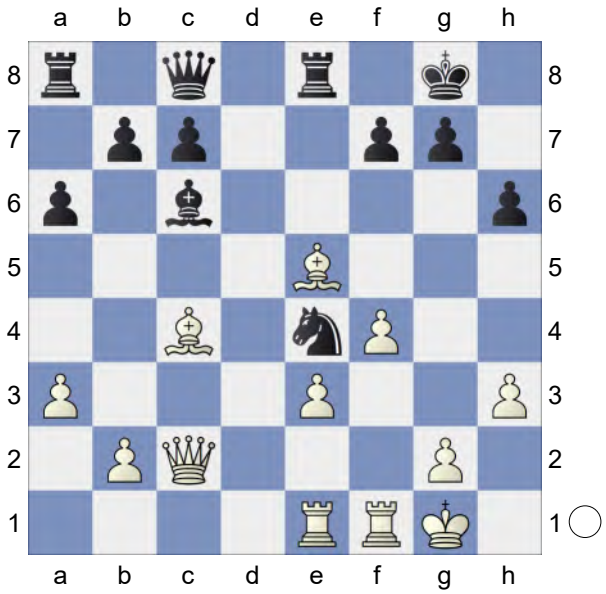

20.Rd1! Qf5 21.Rd4

[21.Bxc7 Rac8 22.Be5 Bb5∓]

21...Nd6! 22.Bd3

[22.Qxf5 simplifies Nxf5 23.Rd3 Nd6 24.Bxd6 cxd6 25.Rfd1]

22...Qh5 23.Qf2 0.01/23

[23.Rf2± 0.74/20]

23...Nf5= 24.Rc4

[24.g4? Qxh3 25.e4 Nxd4 26.Bxd4 Qxd3-+]

24...Rad8 25.Be2

[25.Rc3!?]

25...Qg6 26.e4 -0.75/26

[26.Rfc1= -0.14/22]

26...Nd6 27.f5 Qg5 28.Bf4 Qe7 29.f6! Decoy **29...Qxf6** -0.01/22

[29...Qe6∓ -0.52/23 30.Bxd6 Rxd6 31.fxg7 Re7 *(31...Bxe4? 32.Rxe4 Qd7 33.Rf4+-)*]

30.e5 Qe7 31.exd6 Qxe2 32.dxc7 -1.46/24

[32.Qxe2= 0.01/24 Rxe2 33.dxc7 Rxg2+ 34.Kh1 Rf2+ *(34...Rxb2+? 35.Rxc6 Rc8 36.Rd6+-)* 35.Kg1 Rg2+ *(35...Rxb2 36.cxd8Q+ Kh7 37.Qd3+ Kg8 38.Rxc6 bxc6 39.Re1)*]

32...Qxc4∓ 33.cxd8Q Rxd8 34.Qg3?

-3.42/27 White is weak on the light squares
[34.Re1∓ -1.58/22]
34...Rd3-+ 35.Qg4 -5.30/25
[35.Qf2 -3.20/25]
35...Qe4 36.Kh2? -8.07/25
[36.Bc7 -3.22/25]
36...Kh7? -1.80/27
[36...h5 -8.07/25 37.Qc8+ Kh7]
37.Rf2 Rd4 38.Qg3 Black must now prevent Be5. **38...Rd3?** 0.01/25
[38...f6-+ -1.61/26 and ...Rd3 should not be overlooked 39.Qe3 g5 40.Qxe4+ Rxe4]
39.Qh4? -1.80/25
[39.Qg4!= 0.01/25 and White stays safe.]
39...Rd5 40.Bg3 Qe6 -1.37/25
[40...Qxh4-+ -1.78/26 41.Bxh4 g5]
41.Qf4∓ f6↑ Keeping White busy.
42.Qc1 -1.69/24
[42.Qc4∓ -1.23/23]
42...Rd3 43.Qc2 -2.01/23
[43.Qf4∓ -1.56/26 might work better.]
43...Qe4 -1.03/23
[43...Qe3-+ -2.01/23 44.Bc7 Kh8]
44.Re2 Qg6 Black is more active.
45.Bf4 h5 -0.43/25
[Black should try 45...Be4∓ -1.13/24 46.Qc5 Bc6]
46.Re3 -4.76/29
[White should play 46.Rd2∓ -0.43/25 Be4 47.Rxd3]

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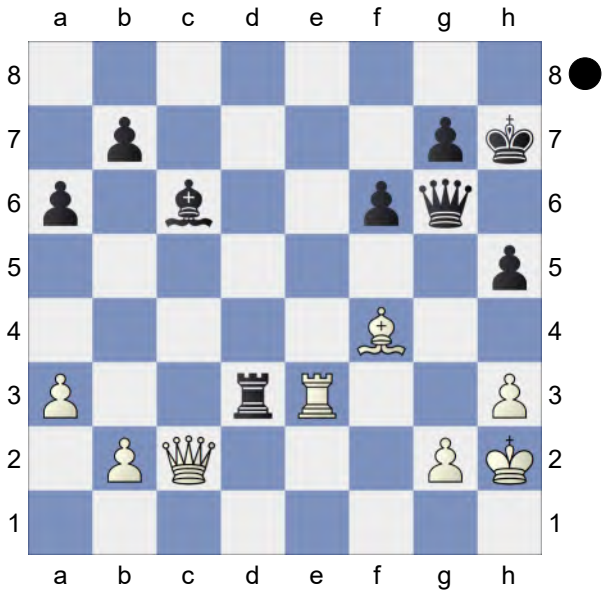
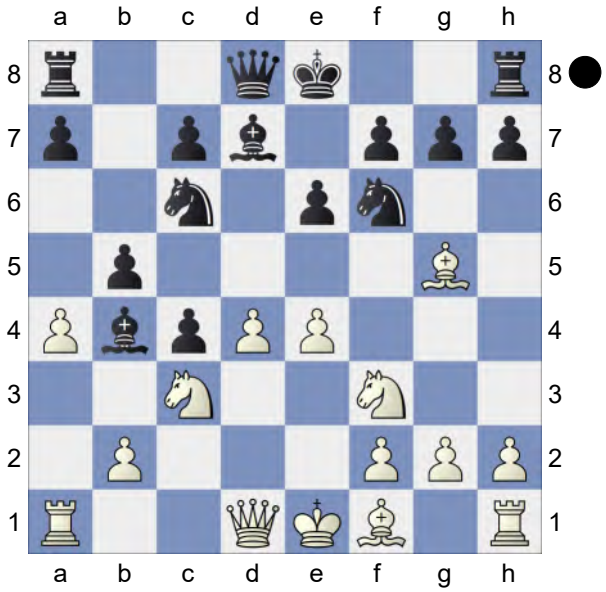


46...Rd4!-+ 47.Qxg6+ Kxg6 Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **48.Bc7** -6.73/24
[⌓48.Rg3+ -4.62/27 Kf7 49.Bc1]
48...Rd2! 49.Rg3+ Kf7 50.b4 h4 51.Rg4 g5 52.Kg1 Kg6 53.Bb6 Rd3
[And not 53...f5 54.Rxg5+ Kf6 *(54...Kxg5 55.Be3+ f4 56.Bxd2±)* 55.Rg8=]
54.Kf2 Rxa3 55.Be3 Ra2+ 56.Kf1 Bb5+ 57.Kg1 Bc6? 0.01/28
[57...Re2-+ -7.36/26 58.Bf2 Bc6 59.Bxh4 Bxg2]
58.Bf2 -8.33/25
[58.Kf1= 0.01/28 Ra1+ 59.Kf2]
58...Ra1+ Black is clearly winning.
59.Kh2 Rf1 60.Bxh4 Kh5 61.Bg3 f5 62.Rd4 f4 63.Bxf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.47
63...Rxf4
0-1

3 **D38**
□ **Yuffa,D** **2647**
■ **Gukesh,D** **2776**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (3.4) 06.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.e4 Bd7! 8.Qd1 -0.60/23
[8.Bxc4 Nxd4 *(8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nxd4 10.Qd1=)* 9.Qd1 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Qe7∓]
[8.Qc2= -0.16/22]
8...b5 -0.20/21
[8...h6∓ -0.60/23 9.Bxf6 Qxf6]
9.a4!=



The position is equal. **9...a6 10.e5 h6!** Black is more active. **11.exf6N**
[11.Bh4 g5 12.exf6 gxh4 13.Be2 Rb8 14.0-0 Qxf6 15.axb5 axb5 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Qd6 18.Ra6 D 38/04 2003]
11...hxg5 12.fxg7 Rg8 13.h4 -1.70/20
[13.h3∓ -0.84/19]

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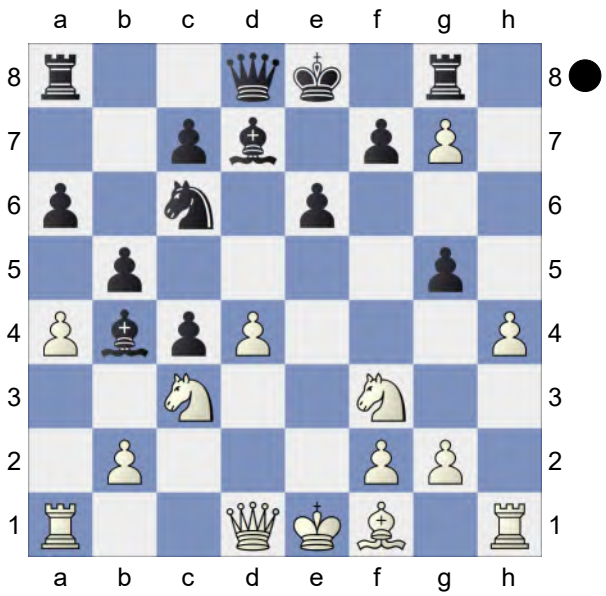

13...g4!-+
[13...Rxg7 14.hxg5 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3±]
14.Ng5 Rxg7 This move loses the game for White. **15.g3** -2.40/21
[15.Qxg4∓ -1.02/21 f6 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.Nf3]
15...e5 16.Bg2 -3.58/21
[⌓16.d5 -2.29/20 Nd4 17.Bg2]
16...exd4 Pin **17.0-0 dxc3 18.axb5** -4.76/22
[18.Qc1 -3.39/19 was necessary.]
18...axb5 19.Re1+ Be7 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.bxc3 Qa3 22.Ne4 Nf6+ is the strong threat. **22...Ne5 23.Qd2** -6.62/20
[⌓23.Qd5 -4.66/20 f6 24.Qb7]
23...Qa6 ...Nd3 is the strong threat.
24.Qd5 f6 25.h5 Be6 26.Nxf6+ Bxf6 27.Rxe5 Re7 28.Rxe6 Qxe6 29.Qxb5+ Kf8 30.Bd5 Qf5 31.Qc6 Kg7 32.Qa8 Qxh5 -8.99/27
[⌓32...Re1+ -#25/31 33.Kg2 Qxh5 34.Qg8+ Kh6 35.Qf8+ Bg7 36.Qf4+ Kh7 *(36...Qg5? 37.Bxc4 Qxf4 38.gxf4-+)* 37.Qe4+ Rxe4 38.Bxe4+ Kh8 39.Bb7 Bxc3 *(39...Qh3+* leads to mate. *40.Kg1 Bxc3 41.Bg2 Qh7 42.Bh1 Bd4 43.Be4 Qxe4*

44.Kf1 Qf3 45.Kg1 Qxf2+ 46.Kh1 Qg1#) 40.Kf1 Qh7 *(40...Qh3+ 41.Bg2 Qh7 42.Bc6 Qd3+ 43.Kg1 Bd4 44.Kh2 Qe2 45.Kh1 Qxf2 46.Bg2 Qg1#)* 41.Bc6 Bd4 42.f3 Qd3+ 43.Kg2 Qe2+ *(43...Qd2+? 44.Kh1 Qh6+ 45.Kg2 Qh3#)* 44.Kh1 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qh3#]

33.Qg8+ Black is clearly winning.
33...Kh6 34.Qf8+ Kg6 (-> ...Re1+)
35.Qg8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.02 (flawless)
35...Bg7
0-1

4 **D38**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2734**
■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2714**
CHN-ch Rapid/Blitz 4th (4.3) 15.07.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
Here Black played a rare but interesting line - an early ...c5-c4 push called White's bishop to f5 where it was exchanged. However, in the endgame which arose a few moves later, White maintained a certain pressure and after mutual inaccuracies managed to obtain a decisive advantage, which he eventually spoiled. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 c4 9.Bf5 0-0N**
[9...Nb6 10.Qc2 *(10.Bxc8 Rxc8 11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.a4 Rc7 16.Qg4 Qe6 17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Rfb1 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Rb5 Rff7 21.Rab1 Kf8 22.f4 Ke8 23.Kf2 Kd8 24.Kf3 Kc8* ½-½ (64) Moiseenko,A (2627)-Savchenko,B (2562) Aeroflot Open 2007 (2)*)* 10...Be7 11.Ne5 Bxf5 12.Qxf5 0-0 13.h4 Ne8 14.Rh3 Qd6 15.0-0-0 a6 16.Ng4 Rd8 17.Rg3 Kh8 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qd5 20.Qe5 Rd7 21.Bxe7 Qxe5 22.dxe5 Rxe7 23.Nd6 h5 24.Ne3 1-0 (49) 1.e4 d5 2.d4 Blackmar-Diemer (2672)-Yoo,E (2659) Wch U20 Girls 34th 2016 (11)]
[9...Qa5 10.Qc2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nd2 g6 13.Bh3 Kg7 14.Rae1 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.e4 Nxg3 19.fxg3 Qb6 20.Kh1 dxe4 21.Ndxe4 f5 22.Nd5 Qa5 23.Nxb4 Qxb4 24.Qf2 ½-½ (28) Aronian,L (2783)-Grischuk,A (2760) Moscow Tal Memorial 5th 2010 (8)]
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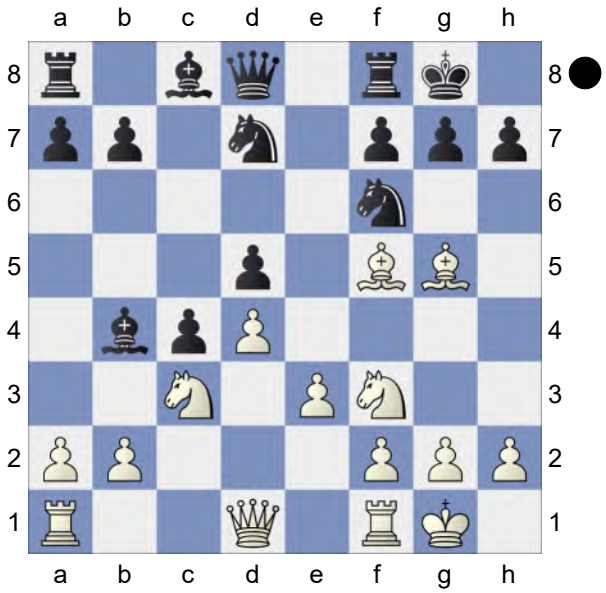


Bxc3 0.58/22
[10...Qa5= 0.22/20]
11.bxc3± White is slightly better.
11...h6!? A promising side line.
Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
12.Bh4 Re8 13.Qc2 Nf8N
[13...Qb6 14.Nd2 Qc6 15.Qb1 Nh5

16.a4 0.38/24 (White should play *16.Bh7+± 0.77/22 Kh8 17.Bc2*) 16...Ndf6± 17.Bc2 g5 18.Bg3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Kg7 1-0 (36) Boehme,H-Goehring,D Theme 23810 freechess.de 2023]

14.Ne5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Ng4 would now be deadly. **15...N8h7 16.Rfb1 b6 17.a4 Re6 18.Ng4** -0.01/21

[18.f3± 0.35/21]

18...Qd6= 19.Nxf6+ Nxf6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Qc2 Qd7 22.Rb5 a6 23.Rb4 Re8 24.Rab1 Ree6 25.R1b2 Rg6 26.Qb1 Qd6 27.Rxb6 Qxb6 28.Rxb6 Rxb6 Endgame KQ-KRR **29.Qc2 Rgf6 30.h4 h5 31.e4 dxe4 32.Qxe4** next d5 is good for White. **32...Rb2 33.Qe3 Re6 34.Qf3 g6 35.d5 Re1+ 36.Kh2 Rd2 37.Qf4 Rxd5 38.Qxc4 Rd6 39.Qc5 Rde6 40.c4** -0.38/26

[40.f3= -0.01/27]

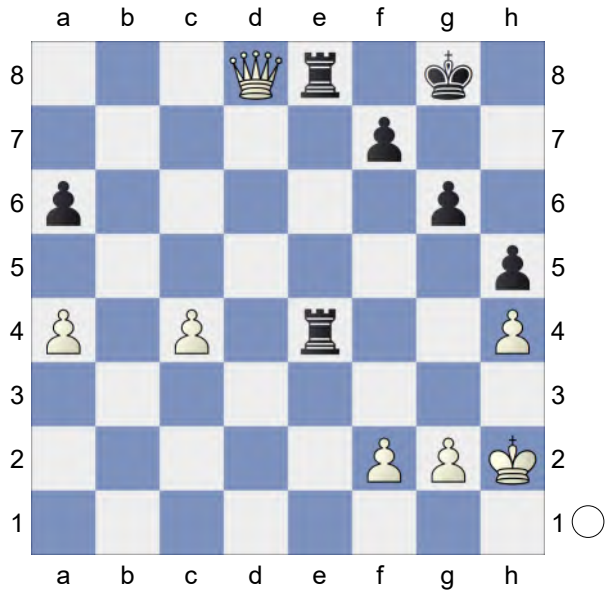
40...R1e5 -0.01/28

[40...R6e4∓ -0.38/26 feels stronger.]

41.Qd4 -0.95/26

[41.Qc7= -0.01/28]

41...Re4∓ 42.Qd8+ Re8



Deflection **43.Qd7 Rxh4+ 44.Kg3 Rg4+**

[44...Rxc4? loses. 45.Qxe8+ Kg7 46.Qe5+ Kg8 47.Kh3+-]

Loses the game. **45.Kf3?** -3.75/25

[45.Kh3∓ -1.02/24 was the only chance. Re2 46.Qc8+ Kh7 47.f3]

45...Re5-+ 46.Qd6? -6.02/25

[46.Qc8+ -3.59/26 Kg7 47.Qc6]

46...Rf5+ Black is clearly winning.

47.Ke3 Rxc4 48.Qxa6 Rc3+ 49.Kd4 Ra3 White must now prevent ...Rxa4+!.

50.Qc8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.06 (flawless)

50...Kh7

0-1

5 **D38**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2782**

■ **Caruana,F** **2776**

13th Norway Chess 2025 (8.1) 03.06.25

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 The position is equal. **9...Ne4 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qc2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Rd1N Na5 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.Rb4 Qf6 16.Be3**

[16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Bf4 b6 18.a4]

16...Rac8 17.Bxe4 Rxe4

[17...dxe4?! 18.Nb3 Rxc3 (*18...Qxc3? 19.Qxc3 Rxc3 20.Nxa5+-*) 19.Qd2 Rxb3 20.Qxd7±]

18.Nf3! Rxb4

[18...Qxc3? 19.Qxc3 Rxc3 20.Rxd5+-]

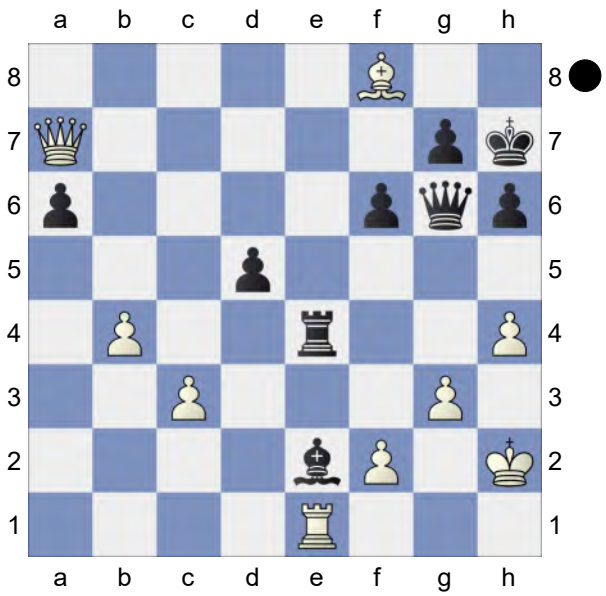
19.axb4 Nc4 20.Bd4 -0.01/25

[20.Bxa7± 0.61/23 b6 21.Rxd5]

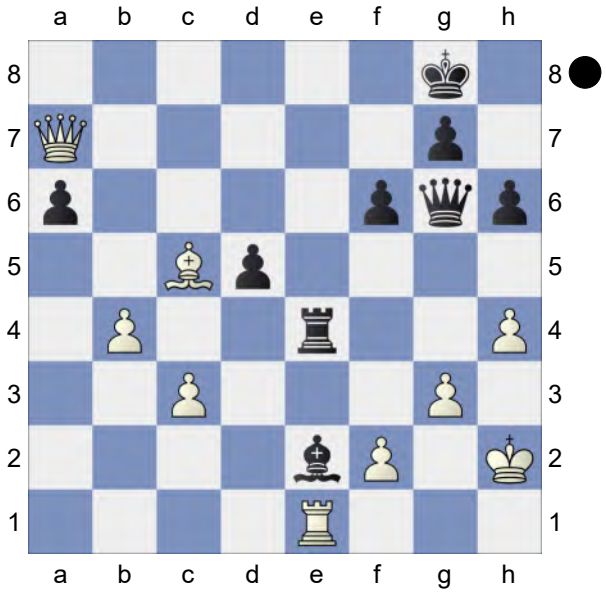
20...Qa6= 21.Ng5 Qh6 22.h4 f6 23.Nf3 a6 24.Ne1 Qg6 25.Nd3 Re8

White is weak on the light squares
26.Qc1 Qf7
[26...Rxe2 27.Nf4 Qe8 28.Nxe2 Qxe2 29.Re1±]
27.Re1 b6 28.Nb2 -0.40/25
[28.f3= -0.01/24]
28...Bb5 29.Nxc4 Bxc4 30.Bxb6 Bxe2 31.Qd2 -0.79/26
[31.Qf4= -0.01/24]
31...Qh5!∓ 32.Qf4 Re4
[32...Re5 33.f3 Bxf3 34.Rxe5 fxe5 35.Qg5 Qxg5 36.hxg5 Kf7]
33.Qb8+ -1.42/26
[White should play 33.Qd2 -1.05/24]
33...Kf7! 34.Bc5 h6 35.Kh2 Qf3 36.Qb7+ Kg6 37.Rg1 Kh7→
Black attacks with force.
[37...Qxc3?! 38.Bf8 f5 39.Qxd5=]
38.Qa7? -2.42/28
[38.Qd7∓ -0.73/25 is the only way for White.]
38...Qf5 -1.02/24
[38...Qxc3 39.Bf8 Rg4 40.Qe3 Qxe3 41.fxe3]
[38...d4!-+ -2.42/28 39.Bxd4 Bb5]
39.Bf8 -2.18/25
[39.Bd4∓ -1.02/24]
39...Qg6 -1.16/22
[39...Qg4-+ -2.18/25 40.Re1 Kg8]
40.Re1 -1.87/26
[40.Qb7∓ -1.16/22]

(Diagram)



40...Kg8!-+ 41.Bc5



Qf5 -1.05/24
[Black should play 41...Qh5!-+ -1.73/26 42.b5 axb5 *(42...Bxb5 43.Rxe4 dxe4 44.c4∓)*]
42.Qc7 -2.33/24
[42.Be3∓ -1.05/24 keeps fighting. Bc4 43.Kg1]
42...Qf3? -0.55/25
[42...Kh7-+ -2.33/24 43.Qd6 Qf3]
43.Rg1 -0.97/25
[43.Qc8+∓ -0.55/25 Kh7 44.Qh3]
43...h5 -0.37/26

[43...Qxc3?! 44.Qc8+ Kh7 45.Qf5+ Kh8 46.Qc8+ Kh7 47.Qf5+ Kh8 48.Qxd5=]
[43...Qh5∓ -0.97/25]

44.Qd7∓ Bc4 -0.05/25
[44...Qxc3? 45.Qxd5+ Kh7 46.Qxe4++-]
[44...Kh7∓ -0.45/25 might be stronger.]

45.b5? -7.75/23 **Bxb5?** -0.92/24
[45...Qxc3? 46.bxa6 Re2 47.a7+-]
[45...d4-+ -7.75/23 46.Bxd4 Be6 *(46...Bxb5 47.Qd5+ Kh7 48.g4∓; 46...axb5 47.Be3∓)* 47.Qd8+ Kh7]

46.Qxd5+∓ Kh7 47.Qd1? -4.09/26
[47.g4∓ -1.08/25 nothing else works.]

47...Re2
[47...Qxc3? 48.Qxh5+ Kg8 49.Qd5+ Kh8 50.Qxe4+-]

48.Qb1+ Bd3 49.Qc1 Be4? -1.17/25
[49...Re4-+ -3.20/23 has better winning chances. ...Qf5 would now be deadly. 50.Be3 a5]

50.Qf4 Qxc3 -0.07/22
[50...Ra2∓ -0.93/27 ...a5 is in the air 51.Qxf3 Bxf3]

51.Be3!= Bg6 52.g4! hxg4
[52...Qd3 simplifies 53.Rc1 Rc2 54.Rxc2 Qxc2 55.g5 fxg5 56.Qxg5 Qe2]

53.h5 Decoy **53...Bxh5 54.Qf5+ Bg6 55.Qxg4 Qe5+?** 3.81/27
[55...Qc7+= -0.01/22 56.Rg3 Qc2]

56.Rg3+- Qh5+ 7.31/21
[56...Qxg3+ 3.31/26 57.Qxg3 Re1 58.Qh4+ Kg8 59.Qc4+ Kh7]

57.Rh3 Qxh3+ 58.Qxh3+ Kg8 59.Qg4 Bd3 60.Bh6 Re7

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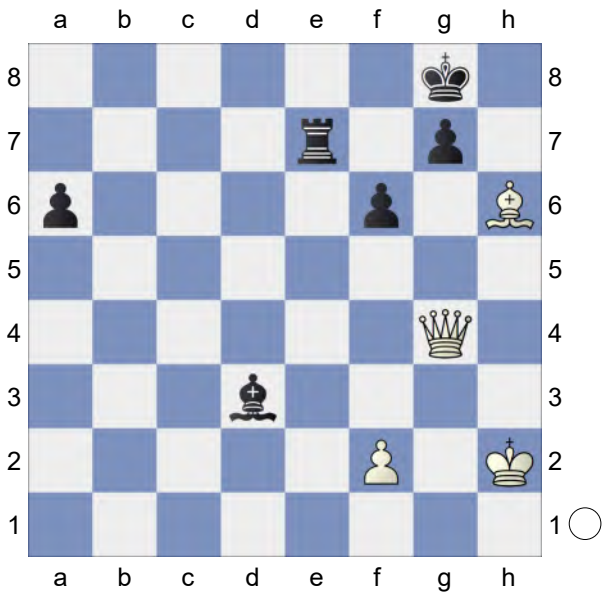


61.Bxg7! Be2
[61...Rxg7 62.Qc8+]

62.Qg6
[62.Bxf6+ Bxg4 63.Bxe7 a5∓]

62...Rxg7 Endgame KQ-KRB **63.Qe8+**
[Stronger than 63.Qxf6 Rh7+ 64.Kg1 Rg7+ 65.Kh2 Rh7+ 66.Kg3 Rg7+ 67.Kh4 Rh7+ 68.Kg5 Rg7+ 69.Kh4 Rh7+ 70.Kg5 Rg7+ 71.Kh6 Rh7+ 72.Kg6 Bd3+ 73.Kg5 Rg7+ 74.Kh4 Rh7+ 75.Kg4 Rg7+ 76.Kh4 Rh7+ 77.Kg3 Rg7+ 78.Kh2 Rh7+ 79.Kg3 Rg7+ 80.Kh4=]

63...Kh7 64.Qxe2 KQ-KR **64...Rg5 65.Qxa6 Kg7 66.f4 Rg4 67.f5 Rb4 68.Kg3** 17.32/26
[⌓68.Qa7+ #20/27 Kh8 69.Kh3 Kg8 70.Qg1+ Kh8 71.Qc1 Rb3+ 72.Kh4 Kh7 73.Qc7+ Kh6 74.Qd6]

68...Rb1 69.Qa7+ Kh6 70.Qf7 Rb3+ Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.58

71.Qxb3
1-0

6 **D38**
□ **Stockfish161Pro** **2885**
■ **ArasanX** **2881**
Classical 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 30min+1sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Levon Aronian had no problems equalising against Magnus Carlsen here - this approach has recently helped Black solve his problems in most cases. Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Marin,Mihail: 'Scherbakov: 'Levon Aronian had no problems equalising against Magnus Carlsen here - this approach has recently helped Black solve his problems in most cases.'" **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 Bf8 9.a3 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxd5**

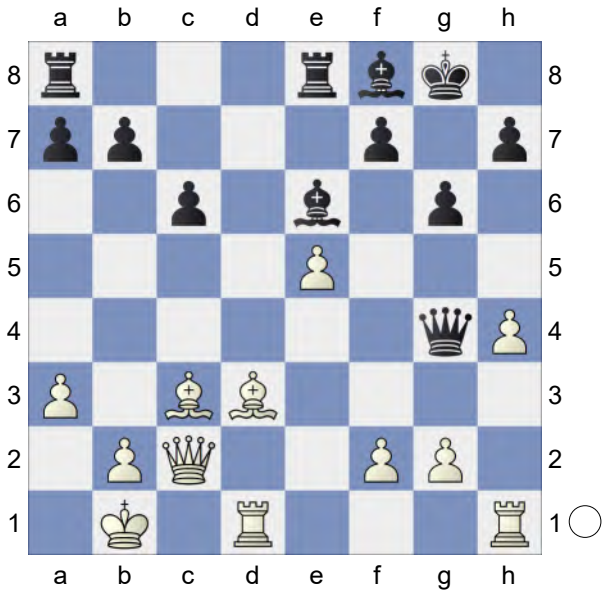
[11...Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qd5 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rd1 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxa4 19.Bxb7 Bxd1 20.Bxa8 Bg4 21.Bc6 Rd8 22.f3 Be6 23.Bd4 a6 24.Kf2 g6 25.Rc1 Bg7 26.Bxg7 ½-½ (41) Carlsen,M (2872)-Aronian,L (2809) Wch Candidates 2013 (8)]

12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.e4 Wards off Bf5

13...c6N

[13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Rc5 *(14...Re8 15.Bd3 Qg5 16.0-0 Be6 17.e5 Qh4 18.Be4 c6 19.f4 Rad8 20.Kh1 Bd5 21.Rf3 g6 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Qd2 b6 24.Rd3 Rd7 25.Rf1 Red8 26.Bd4 Re8 27.b4 Rc7 28.Qe3 Qg4 29.f5* ½-½ (51) Jani,K (2326)-Pham,L (2384) Masters Open 2024 (6.48)) 15.Bd3 Qh4 16.e5 Be6 17.0-0 a5 18.Be4 c6 19.Rad1 g6 20.f4 a4 21.Rd3 Rc4 22.Rdf3 Bg4 23.Rg3 Be6 24.Qe2 Bh6 25.Be1 Qd8 26.Bc3 Qh4 27.Rgf3 Rd8 28.Kh1 ½-½ (44) Urquhart Jr,J (2241)-Stern,T (2126) URS-ch09 Final 1934 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 Bd5 30.Qe2 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Qe7 32.h3 Qe6 33.Qf2 Qf5 34.Kh2 Bf8 35.Qb6 Rd7 36.Qa7 b5 37.Qb6 Qe4 38.f5 Rd3 39.Rxd3 Qxd3 40.Qxc6 Qxf5 41.Qxb5 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 1-0 (44) Bellmann,H (2472)-Krivonosovs,V (2477) corr EU/FSM/65-01 2003]

14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 Qg5+ 16.Kb1 Re8 17.Bd3 Be6 18.e5 g6 19.h4 Qg4



20.h5! Rad8 21.f3 0.01/20

[21.hxg6± 0.40/23 hxg6 22.g3]

21...Qg3= 22.Ka1 Bg7! 23.Rde1 b5! 24.Qe2 Rd7 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Qe3 a5 27.Bxa5 Bd5

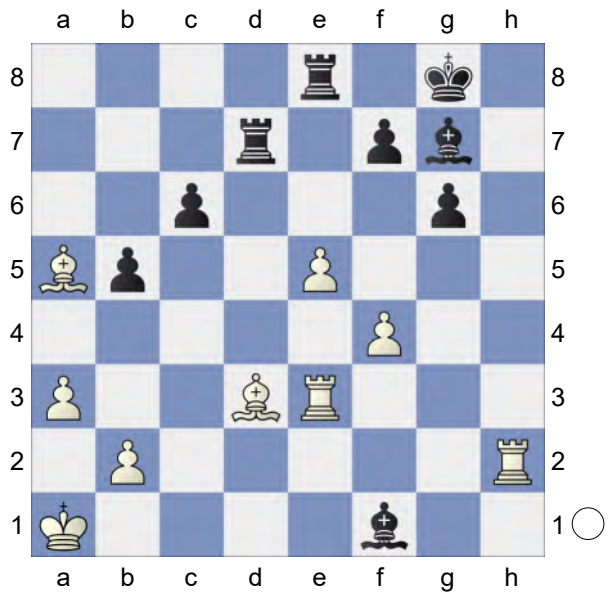
[27...Qxg2? loses. 28.Be4 *(28.Reg1 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Qf2=)* 28...b4 *(28...Bxe5 29.Bc3=)* 29.Bxb4+- *(29.f4 Qd2±)*]

28.f4

[28.Bc3 b4 29.Bxb4 Rxe5 30.Be4]

28...Qxe3 29.Rxe3 Bxg2 30.Rh2 Bf1

(Diagram)



Decoy **31.Bc2 c5 32.Kb1 Bc4 33.Rf3 Rb8** The position is equal. **34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Bxd2 Be6 36.Rg3 Kh7 37.b3 Bf8 38.Kb2 Be7 39.Be3 c4 40.b4 f5 41.Rh3+ Kg7 42.Rh1 Rd8 43.Rd1 Ra8 44.Bd4 g5 45.fxg5 Bxg5 46.Rg1 Kh6 47.Rd1 Kg6 48.Rg1** Black must now prevent Be3. **48...Kh5 49.Bd1+ Kh6! 50.Bc2 Bf4 51.Rf1 Kg5 52.Rg1+ Kh5 53.Ra1 Kg5 54.Kc3 Bg3 55.a4 bxa4! 56.Rg1 Kg4 57.Bd1+**

[57.b5 looks sharper. a3 58.b6 Bd5 59.e6]

57...Kh4 58.Rh1+ Kg5 and ...a3 should not be overlooked **59.Rg1 Kh4 60.Rh1+ Kg5 61.Rg1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

61...Kh4

½-½

7 **D38**

□ **Wang Hao** **2698**

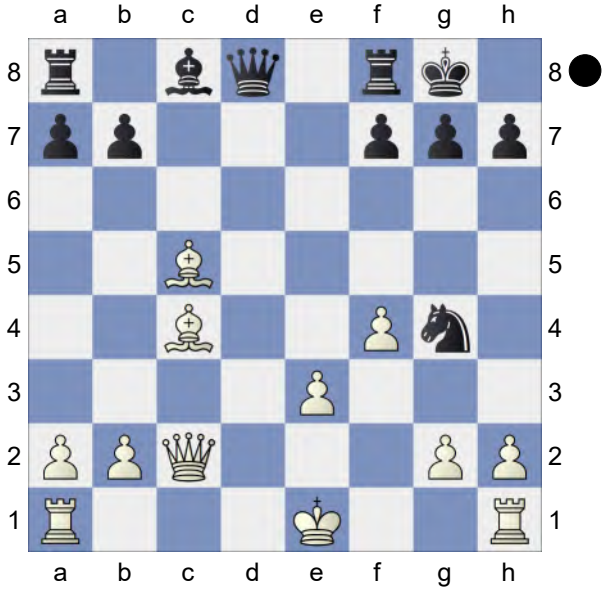
■ **Wang Yue** **2627**

CHN League Division A Pt2 (9.1) 3.10.25

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bd6 9.Qc2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.f4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ng4 14.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **14...c5 15.Bxc5**



and Qb3! should not be overlooked **15...Re8 16.0-0 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Rxe3 18.Qf2 Re4**

[18...Re8 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Rc1 Qd6 21.f5 Qf6 22.Bb3 Bd7 23.Rc7 Re7 24.Rxb7 a5 25.Rb6 Qg5 26.f6 gxf6 27.Rxf6 Be8 28.Bxf7+ Bxf7 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Qf6+ Qxf6 32.Rxf6 Rd8 33.g3 (54) Andreikin,D (2724)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow (blitz) 145/(126) 2019]

19.Rad1 Qf6 20.Bd5 Re7 21.Rfe1N

[21.f5 Bd7 22.Qd4 Rae8 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.Rf4 Re1+ 25.Rxe1 Rxe1+

26.Kf2 Rd1 ½-½ Straka,Z-Sasikiran,K corr 2018]

21...Be6 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Rxe6 The position is equal. **23...fxe6=** Endgame KQR-KQR

[Much weaker is 23...Qxe6 24.Qxa7 Re8 25.h3± *(25.Qxb7* gets mated. *Qe3+ 26.Kf1 Qe2+ 27.Kg1 Qxd1+ 28.Kf2 Qe1+ 29.Kf3 h5 30.Qb3 Qe2+ 31.Kg3 Qg4+ 32.Kf2 Re2+ 33.Kg1 Qxg2#)*]

24.h3 Rf8 25.Qe3 Qxb2 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Qe7 Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kh8 29.Qe7 Kg8 30.Qe6+ Not much happened in this game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

30...Kh8

½-½

9	**D38**
☐ **Nihal,Sarin**	**2693**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke**	**2736**

Niemann-Sarin Blitz 2025 (13) 08.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Ne5 0.05/22

[9.Qb3± 0.42/21 c5 *(9...Nc6 10.Bb5 a5 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 Ne7 13.Be2 c6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Qxb7 h5 17.c4 h4 18.Bc7 Qd7 19.Ne5 Qc8 20.Qxc8 Rfxc8 21.Bb6 f6 22.Ng4 Kg7 23.c5 Nc3 24.Bf3* (27) Analysis 9.Qb3 Nc6 *)* 10.dxc5]

[9.Be2 Nbd7 10.Qb3 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 c6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rfxd8 15.a4 Nf6 16.Nf1 Ne8 17.Ng3 Bh7 18.Kd2 Nd6 19.Ra2 a5 20.Rha1 Ra7 21.f3 Rda8 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Kxd3 b5 ½-½ (114) Grischuk,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2862) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2020 (9.2)]

9...c6N The position is equal.

[9...g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Rc1 c5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.exd4 f6 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Kg7 16.Qc2 Re8 17.Nd1 Be6 18.Ne3 f5 19.Be5+ Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb6 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Qd1 Bd6 23.h4 Qd8 24.f4 1-0 (55) Edouard,R (2643)-Nguyen,T (2535) Gibraltar Masters 17th 2019 (8) gxf4 25.Qh5 Qf6 26.N3g4 Bxg4 27.Qxg4+ Kh8 28.Rxf4 Bxe5 29.Rxf6 Bxf6 30.Rc7 Bxd4+ 31.Kh1 Rf8 32.Qe6 Bg7 33.Re7 d4 34.Qxe4 Rad8 35.Qg6 Rg8 36.Qd3 Rde8 37.Qe4 Rd8 38.Qd3 Rde8 39.Rxe8 1-0 (55) Edouard,R (2621)-Delchev,A (2629) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2011 (5)]

[9...Qd6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qf3 Bxd3 13.Qxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxd3 a5 15.Ke2 c6 16.Rhc1 Bd6 17.Na4 g5 18.Nac5 Ra7 19.g3 Kg7 20.b3 h5 21.h3 Re8 22.Re1 Ng8 23.h4 g4 24.Rec1 ½-½ (28) Schmidt,A (2461)-Urquhart,J (2455) Binissalem op 15th 2002]

10.a3 -0.18/23

[10.Qb3 0.19/22 was preferable. Qb6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd3]

10...Be7 11.f3 -0.77/23

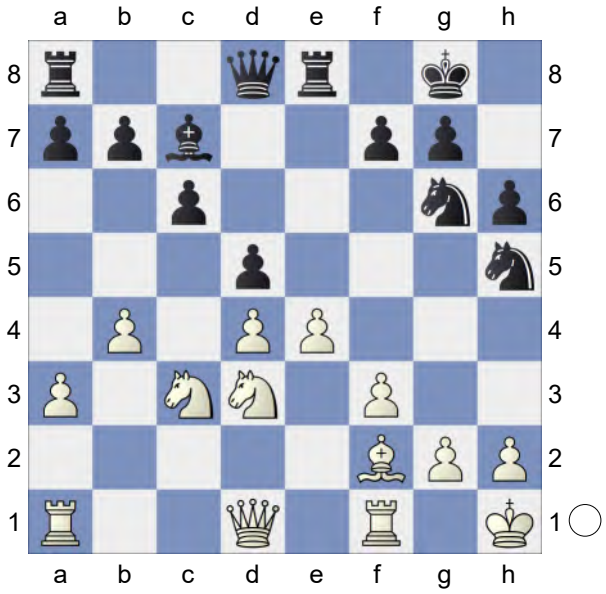
[11.Bd3= 0.11/22 remains equal. Bxd3 12.Nxd3]

11...Nbd7 -0.01/22

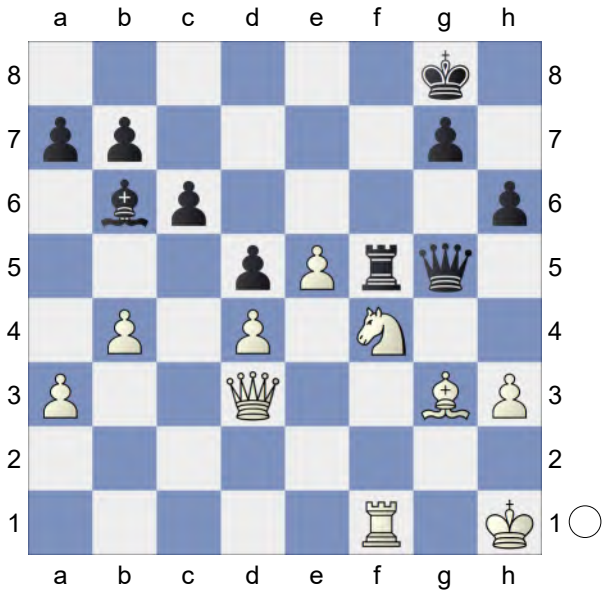
[11...Nfd7∓ -0.77/23 12.Bg3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7]

12.Bd3= Bxd3 13.Nxd3 Re8 14.0-0 Nf8 15.Kh1 Ng6 16.Bf2 Bd6 17.b4 Nh5 0.67/21

[17...Qd7= -0.18/19]
18.e4± Bc7 1.59/20
[18...dxe4± 0.55/21 19.fxe4 Nhf4]



19.g3 0.11/22
[19.e5!± 1.59/20]
This costs Black the game. **19...Qd7?** 1.69/21
[19...dxe4= 0.11/22 and Black is okay. 20.fxe4 Nf6]
20.e5+- Qh3? 3.45/21
[20...f6 1.73/21 21.f4 Qh3]
21.Ne2 f6 22.Ng1 Qd7 23.f4 Qf5 24.Nc5 Wards off Qe4+. and g4 would now be decisive **24...fxe5 25.g4**
[25.dxe5 a5±]
25...Qf7 5.19/24
[25...Qc8 3.15/23 was called for.]
26.fxe5 White is clearly winning.
26...Nhf4 27.Bg3
[27.Nxb7 Bxe5 28.dxe5 Qxb7±]
27...Rf8 28.Nd3
[Not 28.Nxb7 Qe7± *(28...Bxe5 29.Nc5∓)*]
28...Bb6 29.Nxf4 Nxf4 30.Rxf4 Qg6 31.Qb1 Qe6 32.Ne2 Rxf4 33.Nxf4 Qxg4 34.Qd3 Rf8 35.Rf1 Rf5 36.h3 Qg5



37.Bh4! Deflection **37...Qxf4 38.Rxf4 Rxf4 39.Qg6 Rxh4 40.e6 Rxh3+ 41.Kg2 Re3 42.Qf7+ Kh7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.57
43.e7
[43.Qxb7 Re2+ *(43...Bxd4 44.Qxc6 Bf6 45.Qxd5+-; 43...Rxe6 44.b5=)* 44.Kf3 Rxe6∓]
1-0

8 **E51**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
Niemann-Sarin Blitz (1) 08.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 b6 7.Rc1 Ba6
[7...Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3
A) 9...Re8 10.0-0 *(10.Nb5 Na6 11.0-0 c6 12.Bxb4 Nxb4 13.Nc3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Na4 d4 17.exd4 Nh5 18.Rxc5 Nf4 19.Qf5 Ne2+ 20.Kh1 Be4*

21.Qg5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxd4 23.Qg4 Qd3 24.Ra1 Rad8 0-1 (33) Nihal,S (2696)-Sevian,S (2687) WchT Blitz 5-8th 2025 (1.1)) 10...Bf8 11.Ne5 c5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Bb5 Re6 14.Be1 cxd4 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.exd4 b5 17.f5 Rd6 18.Ne2 Be8 19.Bb4 Ra6 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Qb3 Rb8 22.Rc5 b4 23.Nf4 Rd6 24.Rfc1 ½-½ (30) Zoler,D (2482)-Volokitin,A (2643) ISR-chT Israel 2025 (7.1);

B) 9...Be7 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Re1 Na6 13.Bb1 Rb8 14.b3 c4 15.Qe2 Nc5 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Nd4 Re8 18.Red1 Qb6 19.Qxc4 Ba6 20.Nd5 Bxc4 21.Nxb6 Bxa2 22.Bxa2 1-0 (87) Artemiev,V (2700)-Aronian,L (2772) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (10.1)]

8.cxd5N A promising side line.
Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[8.Qa4 c5 9.cxd5 Bxf1 10.Rxf1 exd5 11.Ke2 a6 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Rfd1 Nbd7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Qb6 16.Ne5 Qe6 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Kf1 f6 19.h3 Rfc8 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 Nb6 22.Ba5 Nc4 1-0 (59) Wang,Y (2699)-Bluebaum,M (2642) Dortmund 45th 2017 (5) 23.Be1 Nb6 24.b4 cxb4 25.axb4 Kf7 26.Ra1 Rc4 27.Ra5 Rxg4 28.Rda1 Rb8 29.Rxa6 Re4 30.Ra7+ Re7 31.Ke2 Rbb7 32.Rxb7 Rxb7 33.Kd3 Ke7 34.Bc3 Nd7 35.f4 Nb8 36.Bd4 Nc6 37.Bc5+ Kd7 1-0 (59) Skorpik,M (2699)-Mladenov,P (2642) corr ASIGC 1995 (5)]

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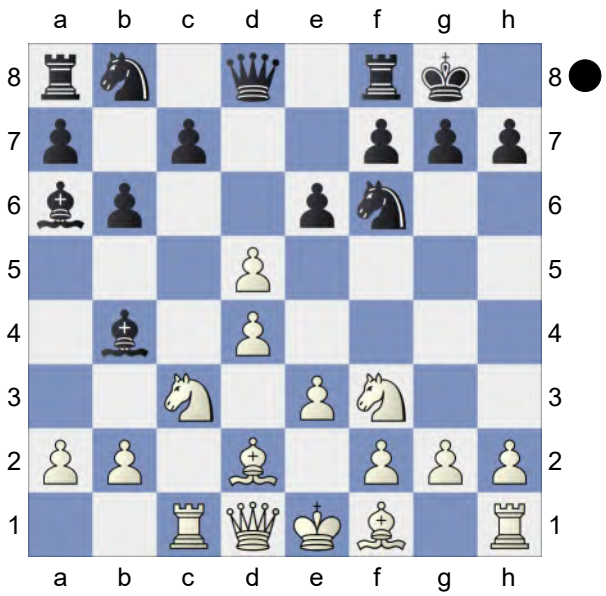


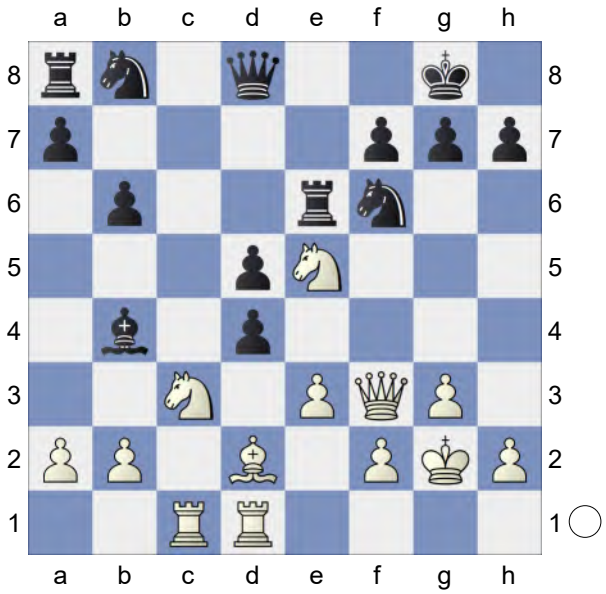
8...Bxf1 9.Kxf1 The position is equal.

9...exd5 10.g3 c6N

[10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Nbd7 12.Kg2 Ne4 13.Bb4 Re8 14.Rc6 Nb8 15.Rc2 a5 16.Ba3 Na6 1-0 (46) Kiremitciyan,A (2281)-Potapova,M (2277) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Jan blitz 2021 (7)]

11.Kg2 Re8 12.Ne5 c5 13.Qf3 Re6 14.Rhd1 cxd4? 2.73/25

[14...Bxc3!± 0.36/21 15.Bxc3 c4]

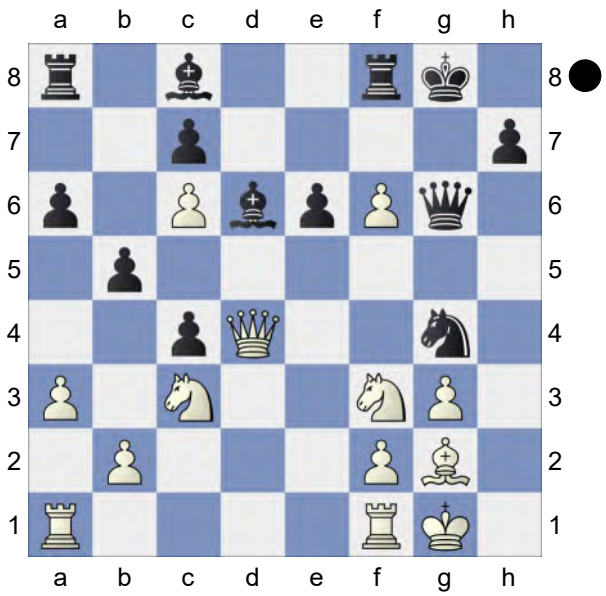


15.exd4? 0.88/25

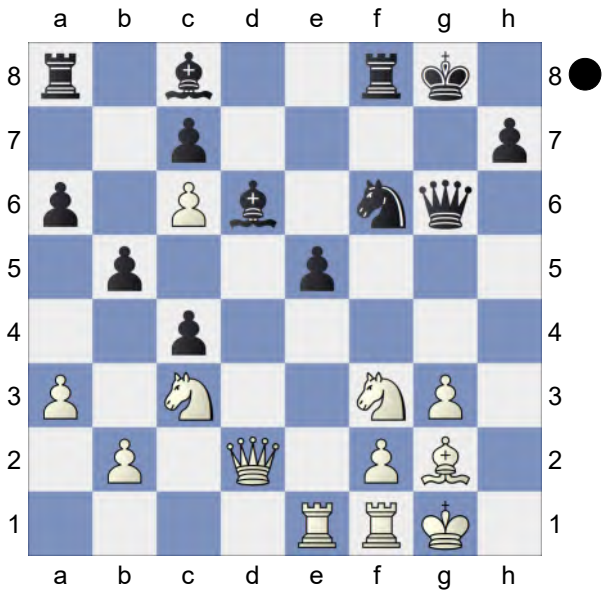
[15.Nxd5!+- 2.73/25 and the rest is easy. Qxd5 16.Bxb4 Qxf3+ 17.Nxf3]
15...Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Nbd7 17.Nc6 0.41/21 White has more active pieces.
[17.Bf4± 0.94/23]
17...Qe8± 18.Bf4 0.11/22
[18.Rc2± 0.52/22]
18...Ne4= 19.Rc2 Threatening Rdc1. Black is weak on the dark squares
19...Rf6? 1.98/22
[19...Rc8= 0.01/24 20.Rdc1 Rcxc6 21.Rxc6 Rxc6 22.Rxc6 Ne5 23.dxe5 Qxc6]
20.h4 0.55/22
[20.Qb3+- 1.98/22]
20...h6 1.05/21
[20...Nf8!± 0.55/22 21.Nb4 Qd7]
21.Rdc1 0.43/21
[21.Nb4± 1.05/21 Qe6 22.Qe3]
21...Qe6 2.69/21
[21...Ndc5!± 0.43/21]
22.Qe3+- Re8 23.f3 Nd6 4.18/25
[23...g5 1.69/23 was necessary. 24.hxg5 Nxg5 25.Qxe6 Nxe6]
24.Qxe6 Rfxe6 25.Bxd6
[Weaker is 25.Nxa7 Nf5±]
25...Rxd6 26.Nxa7 Rde6 27.Kf2 Nf6 28.Nb5 R8e7 29.a4 g5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.g4 Kg7 32.Nc3 Re3? 5.81/25
[32...Ra7 3.56/22 33.Re2 Rc6]
33.Re2 White is clearly winning.
33...Rxe2+ 34.Nxe2 Ne8 35.Rc6 Nc7 36.Ng3 aiming for Nf5+. **36...Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.71
37.Nf5
1-0

10 **D38**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2724**
■ **Svane,Frederik** **2659**
58th Biel GM1 Blitz 2025 (7.1) 20.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Be7 9.e4 a6 10.Be3 b5 11.Qc2 -0.42/22
[11.h4!= 0.00/20]
[11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rad1 Na5 13.Ne5 Nb3 14.f4 Nd7 15.Ng4 f5 16.Nf2 Nf6 17.d5 exd5 18.e5 c6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qc2 d4 21.Bc1 Qb6 22.Nb1 d3 23.Rxd3 Nxc1 24.Rd7 Nd3 25.Kh1 Rad8 0-1 (32) Sybil (2710)-13.♕c2 ♘e5 14.♗e5 (2601) Budapest FS09 GM 2023 (2.2)]
11...Ng4N
[11...Bb7 12.Rad1 Na5 13.d5 Qe8 Quickstarter Guide-11) 5.g3 with 8.a3]
12.Bf4 g5!
[12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.e5=]
13.d5 -0.60/24
[13.Be3= -0.07/21]
13...gxf4 14.dxc6 fxg3 15.hxg3 Bc5 -0.25/22
[15...Qd3∓ -0.80/22 16.Qe2 Qxe2 17.Nxe2 Bd6]
16.e5= Qd3 Wards off Ne4 **17.Qc1 Qg6 18.Qf4** -0.69/24
[18.Qd2= -0.01/21]
18...f5 19.exf6 -1.20/24
[⌓19.Nh2 -0.73/21]
19...Bd6 0.01/20
[19...Rxf6∓ -1.20/24 20.Qxc7 Qh5 21.Qd8+ Kg7 *(21...Rf8 22.Qh4∓)*]
20.Qd4 -0.91/23
[20.Qd2!= 0.01/20 remains equal.]



20...e5!∓ 21.Qd2 Nxf6
[21...Rxf6 22.Nd5∓]
22.Rae1



Re8 -0.49/22
[22...e4?! 23.Nh4 Qg7 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Rxe4±]
[22...Ng4!∓ -1.01/22]
23.Nh4 Qf7 -0.27/23
[23...Qg7∓ -0.78/23]
24.f4 exf4 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nd5⇄
White has counterplay **26...Qf7** aiming for ...Nxd5. **27.Nxf4 Qg7!**
28.Qd4? -3.21/24
[28.Bd5+= 0.01/24 and White has nothing to worry. Nxd5 *(28...Kh8? 29.Nfg6+ hxg6 30.Rxf6+-)* 29.Qxd5+ Qf7 *(29...Kh8? 30.Nh5+-)* 30.Qg5+ Qg7 31.Qd8+ Qf8 32.Qg5+ Qg7]
28...Bg4!-+ 29.Re1 Kh8 30.Ne6 Bxe6 31.Rxe6 Nh5 32.Qxg7+ Nxg7 33.Rh6
And now Ng6+ would win. **33...Bxg3??** 5.22/23
[Not 33...Re8? 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.Bd5+ Ne6 36.Nf4+-]
[33...Ne8-+ -2.45/23 and life is good for Black. 34.Be4 Bxg3]
34.Ng6++- Kg8 35.Bd5+ Ne6 36.Ne7+ Kf7 9.26/26
[⌓36...Kf8 4.86/24]
37.Nf5
[37.Bxe6+ Kxe7 38.Bf5 Bf4 39.Re6+ Kf7∓]
[Worse is 37.Rxh7+ Kf6 38.Rh6+ Kxe7∓]
37...Bf4 38.Rxe6 6.53/25
[⌓38.Bxe6+ #13/28 Ke8 39.Rf6 *(39.Rxh7 Be5+-)* 39...Rd8 40.Bf7+ *(40.Ng7+ Ke7+-)* 40...Kf8 41.Bxc4+ *(41.Bh5+ Kg8+-)* 41...Ke8 42.Be2 Bh2+ 43.Kh1 *(43.Kxh2 Rd2+-)*]
38...Kf8 39.Rf6+ Ke8 40.Bf7+ Kd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.65
41.Re6
1-0

11 **E51**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2696**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
WchT Blitz 5-8th (1.1) 15.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5
Foisor,Sabina-Francesca: 'Let's see

what modern theory has to say about the Pillsbury Attack. I chose this game to show that sometimes the attack could fail.' John Emms: 'Foisor,Sabina-Francesca: 'Let's see what modern theory has to say about the Pillsbury Attack. I chose this game to show that sometimes the attack could fail.' Prusikin,Michael: 'Foisor,Sabina-Francesca: 'Let's see what modern theory has to say about the Pillsbury Attack. I chose this game to show that sometimes the attack could fail.'" **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 b6 7.Rc1 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Re8**

[9...Be7 10.Ne5 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.f4 cxd4 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.exd4 b5 15.f5 Qb6 16.Ne2 b4 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Kh1 Rac8 20.Nf4 Bb7 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Nh5 Qxd4 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6 24.Qb3 0-1 (29) Krasenkow,M (2628)-Wojtaszek,R (2750) POL-ch Warsaw 2018 (8)]

10.Nb5N White is slightly better. 10.Ne5 is a critical line.10.Se5 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.

[10.0-0 Bf8 11.Ne5 c5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Ne2 *(13.Bb5 Re6 14.Be1 cxd4 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.exd4 b5 17.f5 Rd6 18.Ne2 Be8 19.Bb4 Ra6 20.Bxf8 Kxf8 21.Qb3 Rb8 22.Rc5 b4 23.Nf4 Rd6 24.Rfc1 Kg8 25.Rc7 Ne4 26.Qe3 Nc3 27.Rc5 Ne4* ½-½ (30) Zoler,D (2482)-Volokitin,A (2643) ISR-chT Israel 2025 (7.1)*)* 13...Rc8 14.Be1 *(14.Bc3 cxd4 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bxd4 Ng4 17.Rf3 Bd7 18.Rxc8 Bxc8 19.Qc2 Nf6 20.Nc3 Bc5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Nxd5 Qd6 23.b4 Bxb4 24.Bxh7+ Kf8 25.Nxb4 Qxb4 26.h3 Bb7 27.Rg3 Qe1+ 28.Kh2 Rxe3* 1-0 (80) Kulygina, U (2674)-Grimm,S (2494) Gonfreville op 1979 (4.24)*)* 14...Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Qb3+ c4 18.Qxc4+ Kg6 19.f5+ Kh6 20.Bg3 Ne5 21.Qg8 Be7 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Bf4+ Bg5 24.Bxg5+ Qxg5 0-1 (34) Keymer,V (2639)-Bjerre,J (2569) Terme Catez 2021]

10...Na6 11.0-0 c6 12.Bxb4

[12.Nc3 Bd6 Prevents Ne5. 13.Ne2 Nc7 14.Ng3 g6 15.b4 Ne4 16.Qb3 -0.69/22 *(*White should try *16.Be1=* 0.19/21 *)* 16...h5 0.29/23 *(16...Nxd2∓* -0.69/22 *17.Nxd2 Ne6)* 17.Bxe4= dxe4 18.Ne5! Bxe5 19.dxe5 With the idea Rfd1. c5! 20.bxc5? -1.61/26 *(20.Bc3=* 0.13/22 *)* 20...h4!-+ 21.c6 Ba6 22.Nxe4 Rxe5 23.f3 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 0-1 (44) Nihal,S (2677)-Sevian,S (2684) Chess.com Rapid CGC KO 2022 (4.2)]

12...Nxb4 13.Nc3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Na4 d4 17.exd4

[17.Nxc5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 dxe3 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.fxe3 Rxe3 21.Kf2]

17...Nh5N

[17...Bxf3 18.Qxf3 cxd4 19.Nc5 Nd7 20.Nd3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Rfd1 Threatens to win with Rxd4!. Rd5 23.b3 Rb8 ½-½ Varas,P (2055)-Kolanek,R (2330) LSS No Engine Cup 219 Final 2022]

[17...Bxf3 simplifies 18.Qxf3 cxd4 19.Nc5 Nd7]

18.Rxc5

[18.Nxc5 Nf4 19.Nxb7 Nxd3∓]

18...Nf4 19.Qf5

[19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Rf5 Qc7]

19...Ne2+ 20.Kh1 Be4 21.Qg5 Bxf3

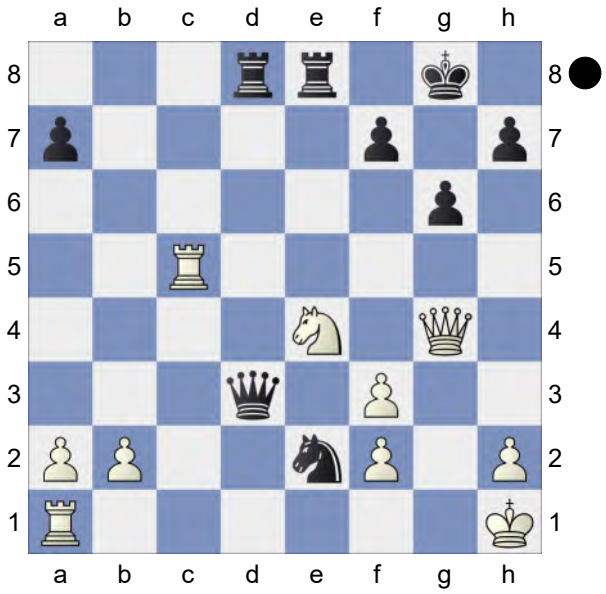
[21...Nxd4?! 22.Qxd8 Raxd8 23.Nxd4 Rxd4 24.Nc3±]

22.gxf3 -0.74/24

[22.Qxd8= -0.17/26 Raxd8 23.gxf3 Rxd4 24.Nc3 Nxc3 25.Rxc3]

22...Qxd4∓ 23.Qg4 Qd3!↑ Black has compensation. Black has some pressure. **24.Ra1 Rad8 25.Nc3 g6 26.Ne4?** -2.75/22

[26.h3∓ -0.79/21]



26...Re6? -0.93/21

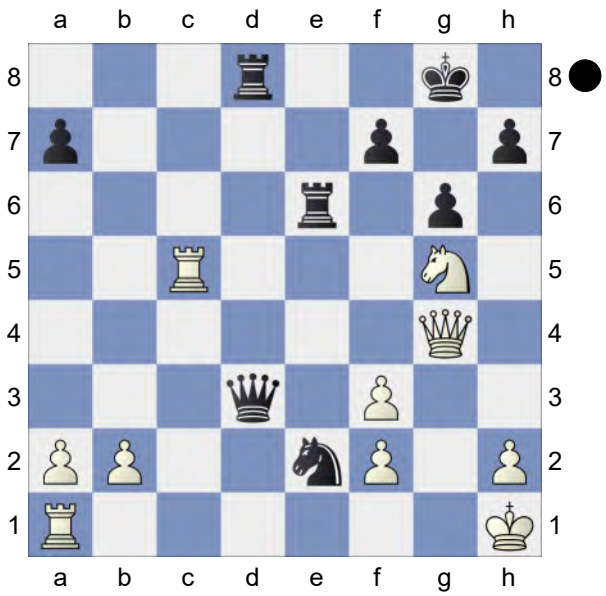
[26...f5!-+ -2.75/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 27.Rxf5 Qd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.Kg2 Rg1+ 30.Kh3 Rxg4 31.Nf6+ Kf8 32.Nxe8+ gxf5 33.fxg4 fxg4+ *(33...Kxe8 34.gxf5 a5 35.Kh4-+)* 34.Kxg4 Kxe8]

27.Ng5 -1.31/23

[27.Kg2?! Rd4=]

[⌓27.h3 -0.93/21]

(Diagram)



27...Rf6 -0.45/23

[Black should try 27...Re7!∓ -1.31/23 Threatens to win with ...h6. 28.Kg2 Qd2]

28.Qh4 -3.81/26

[28.Re5∓ -0.45/23]

28...h5? -0.58/23 Active counter play!

[28...Qd1+-+ -3.81/26 29.Kg2 *(29.Rxd1? loses. Rxd1+ 30.Kg2 Rg1+ 31.Kh3 Nf4+-+)* 29...Nf4+ *(29...Qxa1 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Rc7+ Rd7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.Qxf6=)* 30.Qxf4 Rxf4 31.Rxd1 Rxd1]

29.h3? -10.48/21

[29.Qc4∓ -0.58/23]

29...Rxf3 Black is clearly winning.

30.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 31.Kh2 Rd4 32.Rc3 Qf5

[32...Nxc3 33.Qxd4 Nb5 34.Qe3±]

33.Rc8+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.43

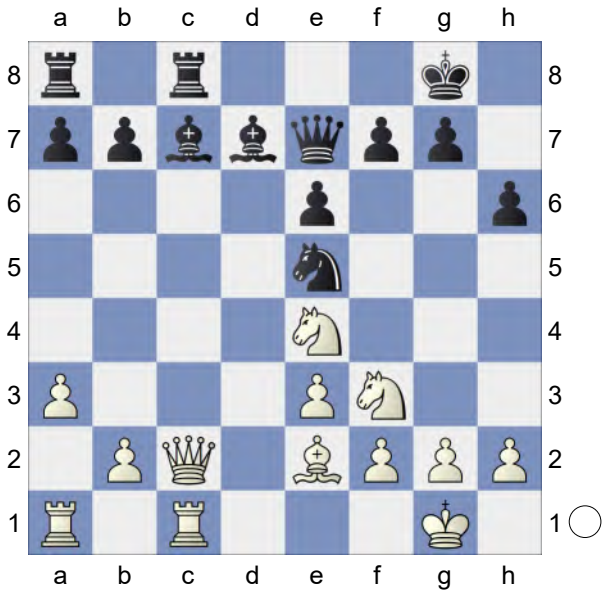
33...Kh7

0-1

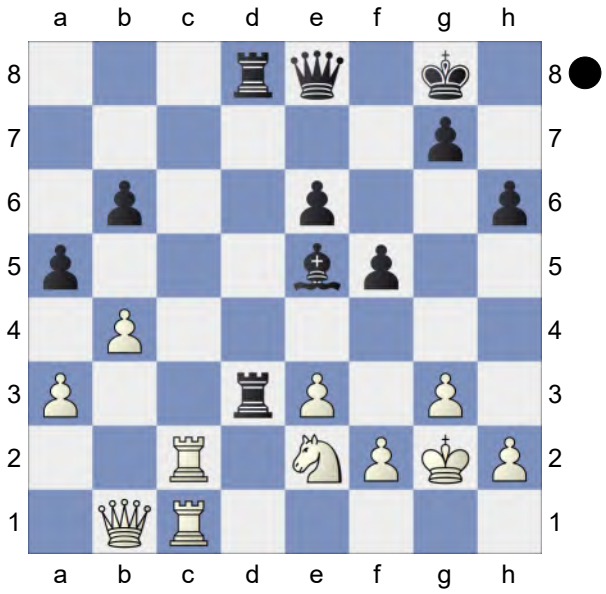
12 **D38**
□ **Weiawaga** **2689**
■ **Stockfish161Pro** **2987**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
Inf 100/(320) **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 dxc4 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Bxc4** The position is equal. **10...c5 11.Ne4** Black should prevent a3. **11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7**
[12...Rd8 13.Qh5 Qf8 14.f4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.g4 Rd5 17.g5 f5 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Ng3 Kh7 20.Qf3 Bd7 21.Kh1 Re8 22.Rad1 g6 23.gxh6 Qe7 24.Rd3 Bc8 25.Rg1 c5 26.Rxd5 Bb7 27.Rgd1 1-0 (41) Grube,J (2677)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2599) c) 3...Nf6 4.Bg2 d4 5.0-0 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7 2018 (5.4)]
13.a3 Ba5 14.Qc2N
[14.Rc1 Nc6 15.Nb3 Rfd8 16.Qd6 Bb6 17.Rfd1 Qh4 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.exf4 Be8 20.Nd6 Rd7 21.Nxe8 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rxe8 23.Kf1 Rd8 Epishin,V (2645)-Lugovoi,A (2470) Saint Petersburg 66/(327) 1996]
14...Nc6 15.Nf3 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Bc7 17.Be2 Ne5

(Diagram)



18.Nc3 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Rab8 20.Qb3 a6 21.Rc2 Be5 22.Rac1 Qe8 23.g3 b6 24.Kg2 a5 25.Qa2 Bc6 26.Qb1 -0.60/24
[26.Ne4= -0.23/24 Bb7 27.h4]
26...Bxf3+∓ 27.Kxf3 Rd8 28.Ne4 Rd5 29.Kg2 Rbd8 30.b4 f5 31.Nc3 Rd3 32.Ne2



a4 Black is much more active.
[32...Rxa3? 33.Rc6]
33.Qa2 Rb3 34.Rc6 Qd7 White does not recover from this. **35.Ng1?** -5.75/22
[35.Rxb6∓ -1.42/20 Bb2 36.Re1]

35...Qd5+-+
[35...Bb2? 36.R1c2∓]
36.Nf3 Bb2 37.R1c4 g5
[37...Rxa3? 38.Qxb2 Rd3 39.Rc7+-]
[37...Bxa3 38.Qc2 Rxb4 *(38...Bxb4? 39.Rd4+-)* 39.Rxb4 Bxb4 40.Rc4=]
38.h3 h5 And now ...g4 would win.
[Inferior is 38...Bxa3 39.Qa1 Rxb4 *(39...Bxb4? 40.Qf6+-)* 40.Qf6 *(40.Rxb4 Bxb4 41.Rc7 e5∓)* 40...Rxc4 41.Qg6+ Kf8 42.Rxc4 Qxc4 43.Qxh6+ Ke7 44.Qxg5+ Ke8 45.Qh5+ Kf8 46.Qh6+ Ke8 47.Qg6+ Ke7 48.Qg5+ Ke8 49.Qg6+ Ke7 50.Qg5+=]
39.Rc8 Rxc8
[39...Rxa3? too greedy. 40.Qxb2+-]
[39...Bxa3? 40.Rd4+-]
40.Rxc8+ Kf7 41.Rc7+ Kf6 42.Rd7 Qxd7 43.h4 gxh4
[43...Rxa3 44.Qxb2+ Ke7 45.hxg5+- *(45.Qxa3 g4+-)*]
44.Qb1 Qd5 (-> ...h3+) **45.Qh1 Qe4 46.gxh4 Be5 47.Qh3 Rb1** Black mates. **48.b5 Rd1 49.Qg3 Bxg3 50.fxg3 Qc2+ 51.Nd2 Rxd2+ 52.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
52...Rd1#
0-1

13 **D38**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (9) 07.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

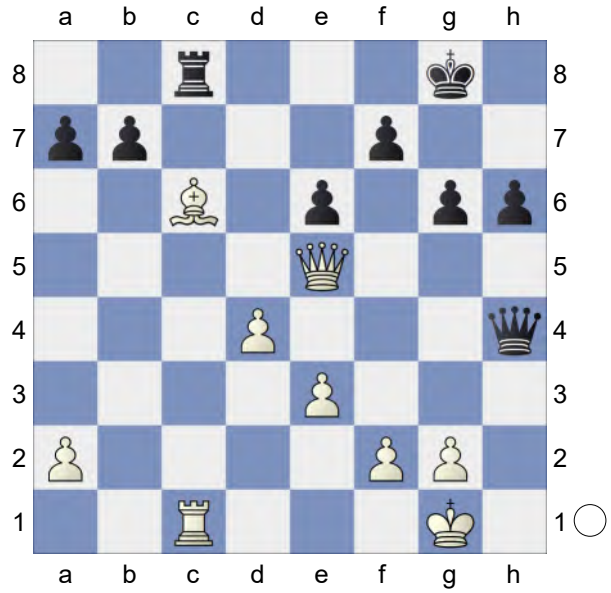
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3**
[15.Nb3 Rfc8 16.Bd3 Ba4 17.f3 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 20.Rc1 h5 21.Rc2 Kf8 22.Ra1 a6 23.Ra4 Ke7 24.Rc1 R8c7 25.Rd4 Ra5 26.Bb1 Rc6 27.Rc2 Rb5 ½-½ Ostlund,J (2312)-Trost,E (2462) Vaxjo op 2025 (5)]
15...Rfc8 16.Nb3 Kf8N
[16...Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 *(19...Ra5 20.Bd3 Ra2+ 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Rc5 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb4 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ke7 27.Rd4 g5 28.h3 Ra5 29.Kc2 Rc5 30.Kd2 Ra5 31.c4 dxc4 32.Rxc4 Ne8 33.Re4+ Kf8 34.Rd4* ½-½ Ghazarian,K (2475)-Blohberger,F (2501) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (4)*)* 20.Bd3 a5 *(20...Ra5 21.Bc2 g6 22.Rb1 h5 23.Ra4 Rac5 24.Rxa7 Rxc3 25.Bd3 R3c7 26.Rba1 Nd7 27.Ra8 Nc5 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Bc2 Ne6 30.Ra4 Rc6 31.g3 Kg7 32.f4 Kf6 33.Rb4 b6 34.Ra4 Nc7 35.Bd3* ½-½ Harikrishna,P (2688)-Yu,Y (2717) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (6.3)*)* 21.Rc1 Kf8 22.b4 axb4 23.Rxb4 R8c7 24.Bb5 Ke7 25.Rb3 Ne8 26.Bxe8 Kxe8 27.Ra1 Kd7 28.g4 Kc6 29.Ra8 Rb5 30.Rxb5 Kxb5 31.Kd3 ½-½ Kuzubov,Y (2612)-Wojtaszek,R (2693) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.3)]
17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Bf5 Rc7 19.Rd4 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Bd3 Rxc5 22.Kd2 Rac8 23.Ra1 a6
[23...Rxc3? is the wrong capture. 24.Bc4+- *(24.Rxa7 Rxb3 25.Ra2 Rc5∓)*]
24.Ra3 R5c6

[24...Rxc3? too greedy. 25.Bc4±]
25.b4 Ke7 26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Rb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 29.Raa4 Rc7 30.g4 g5 31.Ra8 Kc5 32.Ra5 Kd6 33.Ra8 0.01/20
[White should try 33.Ba4± 0.60/23 Rxb4 34.cxb4]
33...Kc5= 34.Ra5 Kd6 35.Ba4! Rxb4 36.cxb4± Endgame. KRB-KRN **36...h5** 0.66/24
[36...Ke5= 0.29/23]
37.h3 0.29/23
[37.gxh5± 0.66/24 feels stronger. Nxh5 38.Bb3]
37...hxg4= 38.hxg4 Ng8 39.Ra8 Ne7 40.Rd8+ Ke6 41.Bb3 Wards off Rc7-c4 **41...Rd7 42.Re8 Kd6 43.Rh8 Nc6 44.Ba4 Rc7 45.Bxc6 Rxc6** KR-KR **46.Kd3 f6 47.Rh6 Ke5 48.Rh5** The position is equal. **48...Rc4 49.b5 Rb4! 50.f4+ Ke6 51.fxg5 fxg5 52.Rxg5 Rxb5 53.Rf5 Rb2 54.Rf4 Rg2 55.Rb4 Ke5 56.Rxb7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

14 **D38**
□ **Predke,A** **2634**
■ **Ponomariov,R** **2633**
25th European Teams (5.1) 09.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.0-0 Qe7
[10...Bd7 11.Bxc4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Rfd8 13.Be2 Be8 14.Qa3 Qe7 15.Qb2 Na5 16.Qb4 Qxb4 17.cxb4 Nc6 18.Rab1 a5 19.bxa5 Nxa5 20.Rfc1 Rdc8 21.Ne1 Ra7 22.Nd3 Nc6 23.Bf3 Nd8 24.Nb4 Ra5 25.h4 1-0 (58) Topalov,V (2798)-Aronian,L (2780) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (4)]
11.Bxc4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bd7 13.Qd1N
[13.Qc2 Na5 14.Be2 c5 15.Ne5 Rfc8 16.Qe4 Be8 17.Bd3 g6 18.h4 h5 19.Rab1 Rc7 20.g3 Rac8 21.Bb5 b6 22.Bxe8 Qxe8 23.Rb2 cxd4 24.cxd4 Nc4 25.Nxc4 Rxc4 26.Rd1 Qa4 27.Rdd2 Rc1+ 0-1 (58) Li,X (2266)-Kirk,E (2420) Cappelle op 34th 2018 (7.14) 28.Kh2 Qc4 29.Qd3 Qxd3 30.Rxd3 R8c2 31.Rd2 Rxb2 32.Rxb2 Kf8 33.Kg2 Ke7 34.Kf3 Kd6 35.Ke4 Rc3 36.Kf4 f6 37.e4 Rc4 38.Rd2 b5 39.f3 b4 40.g4 a5 41.gxh5 gxh5 42.d5 Rc5 0-1 (58) Montero Campuzano,R (2266)-Zvolanek,L (2420) VISA GP Reykjavik (7.14)]
[13.Be2 e5 14.Qc4 Bg4 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 16.h3 Bh5 17.Rab1 e4 18.Nd2 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 b6 20.c4 Nb4 21.Nxe4 Nxa2 22.f3 f5 23.Qxa2 fxe4 24.f4 c6 25.c5+ Kh8 26.cxb6 axb6 27.Qc4 c5 1-0 (51) Martirosyan,H (2645)-Nigmatov,O (2505) Tashkent Al Beruniy-A 2nd 2025 (2)]
13...Rfd8 0.56/21
[13...Na5= 0.19/22 deserves consideration. 14.Be2 c5]
14.Rb1 0.15/23
[14.Rc1± 0.56/21]
14...Be8 15.Bd3
[15.Rxb7? loses. Na5 16.Ba6 *(16.Rb4? c5-+)* 16...Nxb7 17.Bxb7 Rab8-+]
15...Na5! 16.Ne5 0.01/22
[16.Bc2± 0.42/23]
16...c5 17.Qf3 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nc6 aiming for ...Nxe5. **19.Qe4 g6 20.Rfc1**

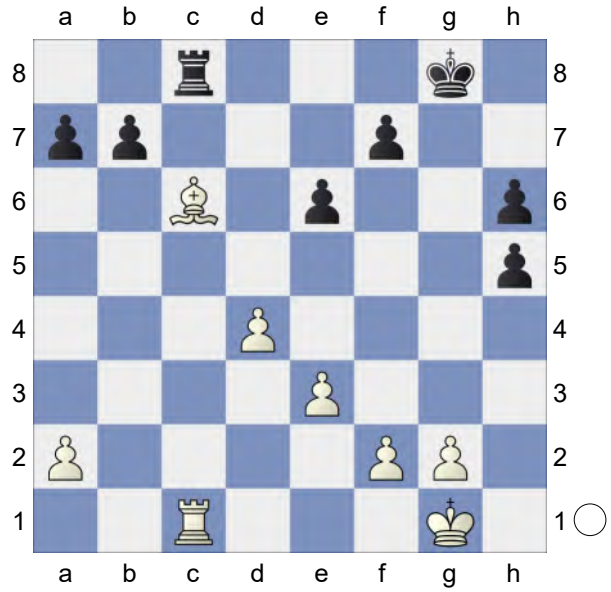
Rac8 21.h4 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Bc6 24.Be4 Qxh4 25.Bxc6 Rc8



Pin **26.Qa5! Qh5 27.Qxh5** Remove Defender

[27.Qxa7 seems wilder. Rxc6 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Rxc6 Qd1+ 30.Kh2]

27...gxh5



28.Rb1! The position is equal.

28...bxc6= Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.

[28...Rxc6 29.Rxb7]

29.Rc1 Rb8 30.Rxc6 Rb1+ 31.Kh2 Kg3 is in the air **31...Rb2 32.Ra6 Rxf2 33.Kg3 Rf1 34.Rxa7 Kg7 35.Ra5 f5 36.a4 Kf6 37.Ra6 Kf7 38.Ra7+ Kf6 39.Ra6** d5 is the strong threat. **39...Kf7 40.d5 exd5 41.Rxh6 Ra1 42.Rxh5 Ke6 43.Rh4 Ke5 44.Kf3 Ra2 45.Rb4 Ra3 46.g3 Ra2 47.Rf4 Ra1 48.g4 fxg4+ 49.Rxg4 Ra2 50.Rh4 Ra3 51.Rh5+ Kd6 52.Rh6+ Ke5 53.Rh4 Kd6 54.Rd4 Ke5 55.Rb4 Ra2 56.Rg4 Ra3 57.Rh4 Kd6 58.Ke2 Ra2+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

59.Kd3

½-½

15	**D38**
☐ **ColossusBOT**	**2626**
■ **TheMatrix2029**	**3078**
Rapid	13.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

Inf 69/(379) **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Qc2N**

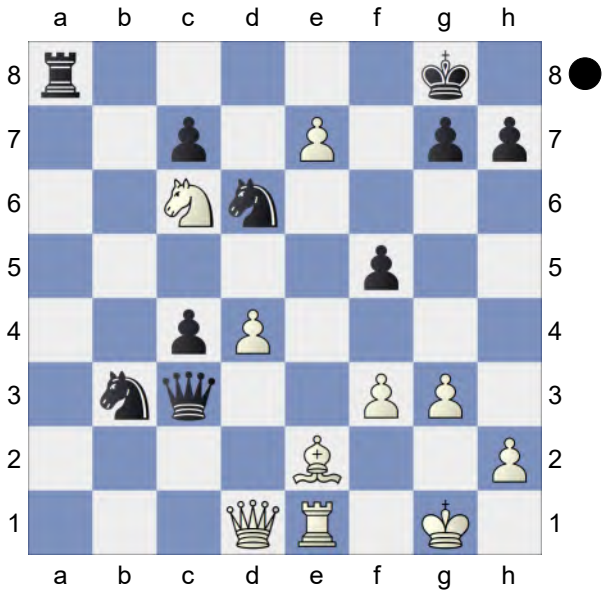
[6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qc2 0-0 8.e3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.0-0 a6 11.a3 e5 12.Ne4 Be7 13.dxe5 Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qxe4 Rad8 16.Rac1 g6 17.Qf4 Rfe8 18.Bd5 Be6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Ng5 Bd5 1-0 (33) Davy,B (1852)-Coles,R (1390) Sautron op 19th 2019 (8.16)]

[6.Ne5 Bd7 7.Nxd7 Nxd7 8.cxd5 Nb6 9.Qb5 exd5 10.e3 0-0 11.Be2 Bd6 12.0-0 Ne7 13.a4 a5 14.Qb3 Nc6 15.Bf3 Nb4 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 c6 18.Bd2 N6d5 19.Rac1 Bf4 20.Bxb4 Nxb4 (23) Filippov,V (2510)-Zvjaginsev,V (2610) (ch-m/2)

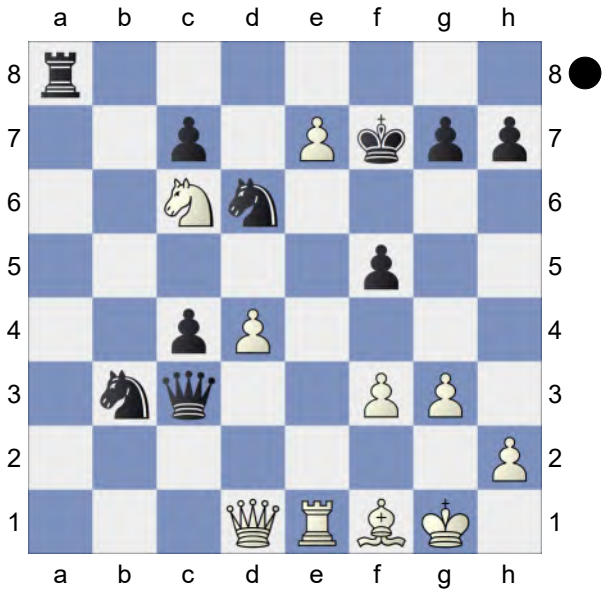
69/(379) 1997]
[6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 a6 8.Qc2 Re8 9.a3 Bd6 10.h3 h6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.b4 Na7 14.Na4 b6 15.Nc3 Nb5 16.Ne2 Ne4 17.a4 Na7 18.0-0 Nc6 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 Nxd2 (23) Queen'S Gambit-7.?d2 a6 8.?c2 Survey 2022]
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 Rd8 11.0-0 a6 12.Rfc1 Rb8 13.a3 Bf8 14.b4 Ne7 15.Qb3 Be6 16.a4 Nf5 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 c5 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Qa4 c5 (22) Queen'S Gambit-9.e3 0-0 10.?e2 Survey 2022]

6...dxc4 7.e3! b5 8.a4 The position is equal. **8...a6 9.axb5 Na5 10.bxa6 0-0 11.a7 Bb7 12.Be2 Be4 13.Qd1 Rxa7 14.0-0** Black must now prevent Nxe4. **14...Bxc3 15.bxc3** White is weak on the light squares **15...Qa8 16.g3** -0.48/20
[16.Re1= -0.04/19 deserves consideration.]
16...Bd5∓ 17.Ne5 Ne4 18.Bb2 -0.49/21
[18.Qe1!= -0.09/22]
18...Nd6 19.f3 f5 -0.14/20
[19...f6!∓ -0.56/22 20.Ng4 h5]
20.Ra4= Nb3↑ White is under pressure. **21.Rxa7 Qxa7 22.e4 Qa2 23.exd5 Qxb2 24.dxe6** -0.98/21
[24.Bxc4 Nxc4 25.Nxc4 Qxc3∓]
[24.Nxc4= -0.15/24 Qxc3 25.Nxd6 cxd6 26.dxe6]
24...Qxc3∓ 25.e7 Re8 26.Nc6 Ra8! Loses the game. **27.Re1?** -3.18/27
[27.Qe1∓ -1.10/22 Nxd4 28.Qd1 Qe3+ *(28...Nxc6 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Qxc6∓)* 29.Rf2 Nxe2+ *(29...Nxc6 30.Qd5+ Kh8 31.Qxc6∓)* 30.Qxe2 Qxe2 31.Rxe2]

(Diagram)



27...Kf7!-+
[Weaker is 27...Ra1 28.Bxc4+ Qxc4 29.e8R+ Nxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kf7 31.Qxa1 Nxa1 32.Ne5+ Kxe8 33.Nxc4∓]
28.Bf1



Ke8!
[Worse is 28...Ra1 29.e8Q+ Nxe8 30.Re7+ Kg6 31.Qe2=]
29.Qe2 Nxd4 Active counter play!
30.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 31.Qe3? -4.59/22
[31.Kg2 -2.26/23 Ra1 32.Rxa1 Qxa1 33.Qe3]

31...Qb6
[31...Qxe3+ 32.Rxe3 Ra2 33.Rc3-+]
32.h4 Ra5
[32...Qxe3+? 33.Rxe3 Ra5 34.Kf2-+]
33.Qxb6 cxb6 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **34.h5 Rc5 35.g4 f4 36.Kf2 b5 37.Rb1 Kxe7 38.Be2 h6 39.Re1 Kd7 40.Bd1 Rd5 41.Bc2 Rd2+ 42.Re2 Rxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Kc6 44.Bd1 b4 45.Kd2 Kc5** ...Nb5 is the strong threat. **46.Be2 b3** (-> ...Kd4) **47.g5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.03 (flawless)
47...Kd4
0-1

16 **D38**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (3) 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) I think this line is a reasonable option for those who want to create some pressure without much risk. Black should be fine, but some precision is required. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Bxf6 dxc4** White has an edge. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1 Qxc5 11.Qf4**
[11.Qh4 Ke7 12.g3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Qb4 14.Qxb4+ Nxb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Nh4 Rac8 19.0-0 Rhd8 20.Be4 h6 21.Nf5+ ½-½ Lupulescu,C (2591)-Santos Latasa,J (2630) Alba Iulia Final ROM GP Gp-D rapid 2024 (4)]
11...Ke7 12.g3 e5
[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bg2 Rac8 15.0-0 b6 16.Rfd1 Ne5 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.h4 Qc7 19.Qh6 Rcg8 20.Rb1 Rg6 21.Qh5 Rhg8 22.Nb5 Qe5 23.Qxe5 fxe5 24.Nxa7 Ne3 25.Rd2 Nc4 26.Rd3 Rg4 27.Rb4 1-0 Lozon Urena,X (2862)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2765) Norway Masters blitz 5th Stavanger 2017 (3.8)]
13.Qe4N -0.04/20
[13.Qh6± 0.32/20 Be6 *(13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Bh3 e4 16.Bxe6 exf3 17.Bg4 fxe2 18.Rc2 Ne5 19.Bxe2 Rad8 20.0-0 Rd6 21.Re1 Re6 22.Rd1 Rd6 23.Rxd6 Qxd6 24.Qe3 Kf8 25.Qxa7 Qc6 26.f4 Nd7 27.Rb2 b6 28.Rd2* 1-0 Wang,H (2680)-Vidit,S (2687) Asian Continental op 16th Chengdu 2017 (5) *)* 14.Bh3 Bxh3 15.Qxh3 Nd4 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.bxc3 dxc3 19.Qg2 Rac8 20.Qxb7+ Rc7 21.Qe4+ Qe5 22.Qa4 Rd8 23.Qa3+ Ke8 24.Rc2 Rd2 25.Rb1 Qe4 26.Rb8+ Kd7 27.Rc1 c2 28.Qb3 0-1 Bruzon Batista,L (2691)-Lenderman,A (2617) WchT 10th Tsaghkadzor 2015 (9.1) Qc4 29.Qe3 Rd1+ 30.Kg2 Qd5+ 31.f3 Qe5 32.Qa3 Qxe2+ 33.Kh3 Qf1+ 34.Kh4 Rc4+ 35.g4 Qf2+ 36.Kh3 Rd2 37.Rh1 c1Q 0-1 Cox,A (2691)-Lomakina,O (2617) (ch) 52/149 United States 1991 (9.1)]
13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Bg2 Kf8 16.Qh4 Kg7
[16...Bxa2? 17.Qxf6 Kg8 18.Qg5+ Kf8 19.Qh6+ Ke7 20.0-0+-]
17.Nd2 Qe7
[17...Bxa2 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Qf5+-]
18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.g4 Rhg8 20.Ne4 Bd5 21.Ng3 Kh8! 22.0-0 Bxa2 23.c4

Qe6 24.h3 Rg6! 25.Rfd1 -0.73/22
[25.Rc2∓ -0.32/20 Bb3 *(25...Bxc4 26.Rfc1∓)* 26.Rc3 Bxc4 27.Rfc1]
25...f5? 1.61/22
[25...Bxc4∓ -0.73/22 26.e4 Bb3]
26.f3 0.39/22
[26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxd8+ Rg8]
[26.Ra1!+- 1.61/22 Hoping for g4xf5. Bb3 27.Rxa7 *(27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Rg8±)*]
26...Rag8± 27.Rd8! fxg4 28.hxg4 Bxc4 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8 30.Kf2!
Black must now prevent Ng3-f5.
30...Bb5? 1.98/23
[Black should try 30...Bd5± 0.43/22]
31.Ne4 1.04/21
[31.Rh1+- 1.98/23 h6 32.Nf5 *(32.Qxh6+ Qxh6 33.Rxh6+ Kg7±)*]
31...Kg7 2.72/25
[31...f5± 1.04/21 32.Nf6 Qe7 *(32...Rg7 33.Rd1±)*]
32.Rh1+-
[32.Ra1 Qh6 33.Qxh6+ Kxh6±]
32...Qg6
[32...h6 33.Rd1 *(33.g5 Kh8±)* 33...Qc4 34.Rd2+-]
33.Qe7 Qe6 34.Qg5+
[34.Rxh7+? Kxh7 35.Qh4+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Qg6 37.Qxe5+ f6-+]
34...Kf8 35.Qd2 0.89/23
[35.Qe3?! Rg6±]
[35.Qh4+- 2.40/22 has better winning chances.]
35...Rg6± 36.Qd8+! White has strong compensation.
[36.Rxh7 Qd5]
36...Qe8
[36...Kg7? 37.Ng5 Rxg5 38.Qxg5+ Kh8 39.Rd1+- *(39.Rh6 f6+-)*]
37.Qh4 White is much more active.
37...h6

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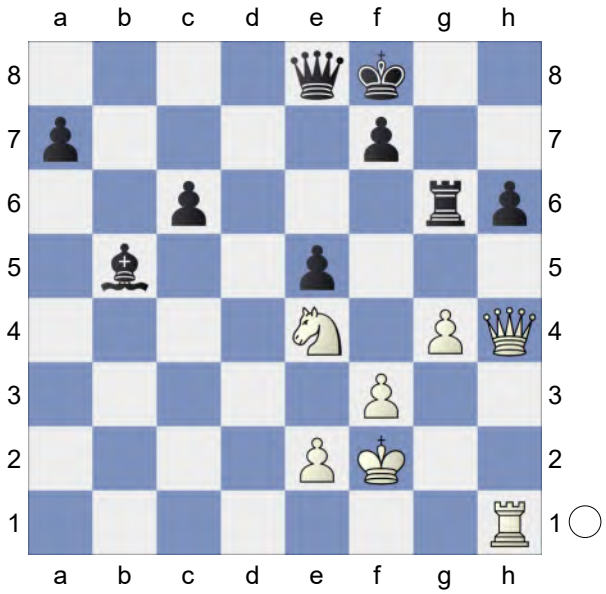
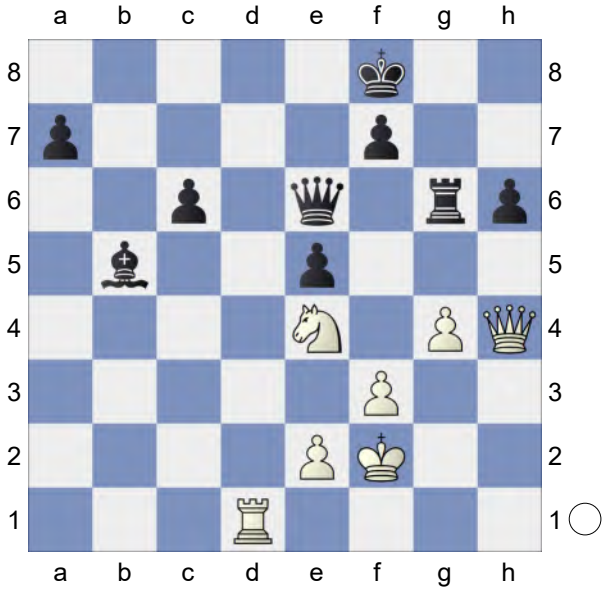


38.Rd1 Prevents Qe8-d7. Threatens to win with Rd1-d8. **38...Qe6?** 3.44/24
[38...Kg7± 0.73/25 is a better defense.]



39.Qd8+!+- Kg7 40.Rd6 Qc4
And now ...Rg6xd6 would win. **41.Rxg6+ fxg6 42.Qf6+ Kh7** 10.36/23
[⌓42...Kg8 4.85/26 43.Qxg6+ *(43.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qe2+ 46.Kg1 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qe2+=)*
43...Kf8 44.Qxh6+ Kg8 45.Qg5+ Kf8

46.Qd8+ *(46.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 47.Kg3 Bd3±)* 46...Kg7 47.Qe7+ Qf7 48.Qxe5+ Kf8]

43.Qe7+

[Not 43.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qe2+ 46.Kg3 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kg3=]

43...Kh8 44.Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.36

[44.Qxa7 Qxe2+ 45.Kg3 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qe2+ 47.Kg3 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qe2+ 49.Kg3=]

[Weaker is 44.Qxe5+ Kg8±]

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17 **D38**
□ **Gukesh D** **2777**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Masters Wijk aan Zee, NL (3.4) 20.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Bf5 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Bb5 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Ne7 13.Nd2 Ng6N**

[13...Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.0-0 c6 16.Be2 Nf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Rab1 b6 21.Rb2 Rae8 22.Rc1 Nxg3 23.hxg3 f5 24.Bc4 f4 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.gxf4 gxf4 27.exf4 Rxf4 28.Rd2 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2664)-Mladenov,P (2626) Berlin 2016 Inf 69 [Egil Fagerbekk] 1-0 (42) Ree4 29.Rcd1 Kg7 30.f3 Re3 31.Kf2 Ra3 32.Kg3 Re4 33.Rc1 Kf7 34.Rc8 Re1 35.Kf4 Ra1 36.Rc7+ Ke8 37.Re2+ Kd8 38.Ree7 R3xa2 39.Red7+ Ke8 40.Rh7 Kd8 41.Rcd7+ Kc8 42.Rdf7 1-0 (42) Fressinet,L (2664) -Bluebaum,M (2626) Baku 2016 CBM 175 [Sumets, Andrey]]

14.Qd1 -0.08/19

[⌓14.h3 0.30/19]

14...h5 0.24/22

[⌓14...Rc8 -0.08/19]

15.h3= c6 16.Be2 h4 17.Bh2 b5 18.a4 a6! 19.0-0 Re8 20.Re1 Qe7 21.Bf3 Be4 22.Be2 0.01/19

[22.Bxe4± 0.47/22 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Qxe4 24.Qh5]

22...Bf5 23.Bf3 -0.01/20

[23.Ra2± 0.34/22]

23...Be4 24.Be2 -0.01/21

[24.Bxe4± 0.38/22 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxe4 26.Bd6]

24...Bf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

18 **D38**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2717**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Masters Wijk aan Zee, NL (5.3) 22.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.0-0 Qe7** The position is equal. **11.Bxc4 Na5 12.Bd3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.Qb4N Qd6 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Qxd6** -0.32/25

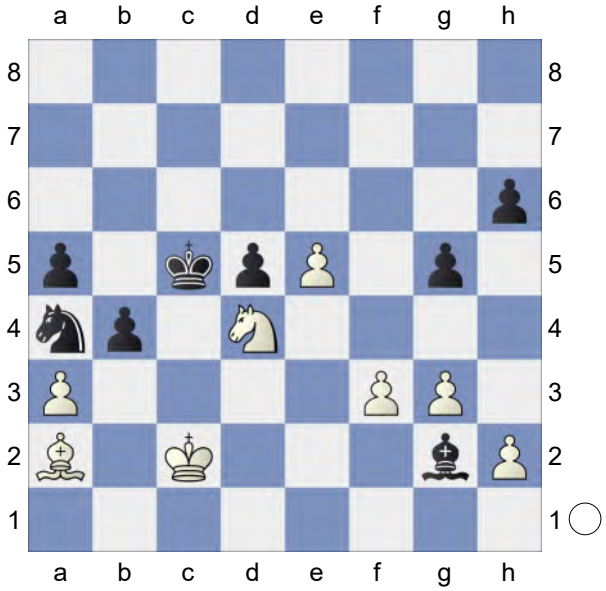
[17.Ne5= 0.15/21]

17...cxd6∓ 18.Nd2! Rc7 19.Rc2 Rfc8 20.Rdc1 Kf8 21.f3 Ke7 22.e4 g5 23.Kf2 e5 0.48/23

[23...h5= -0.21/20]

24.Nf1!± exd4 25.cxd4 Rxc2+ 26.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 27.Bxc2=

Endgame KBN-KBN **27...Bc8 28.Bd3** 0.28/24
[28.Ne3± 0.62/23 deserves consideration.]
28...Nc6 29.Ke3 a6 30.Nd2 b5 31.Nb3 d5 32.Nc5
[32.exd5 Nb4=]
32...Kd6 33.Bc2 Ne5 34.Bb3 Nc4+ 35.Kd3 Nb6 36.Kc3 -0.01/26
[36.a4!± 0.39/25 is more appropriate.]
36...a5! 37.a3 f6 38.Ba2 Kc6 39.g3 Bh3 40.Nb3 Na4+ 41.Kc2 Bg2 1.10/25
[41...dxe4= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 42.fxe4 f5]
42.e5!±
[42.Nxa5+?! Kb6 43.e5 fxe5=]
42...fxe5 43.dxe5 Hoping for Nd4+.
43...b4 1.91/25
[43...Kd7± 0.98/22]
44.Nd4++- Kc5



45.e6! Kd6
[45...Kxd4? 46.e7 Nc3 47.axb4!+-]
46.axb4 axb4

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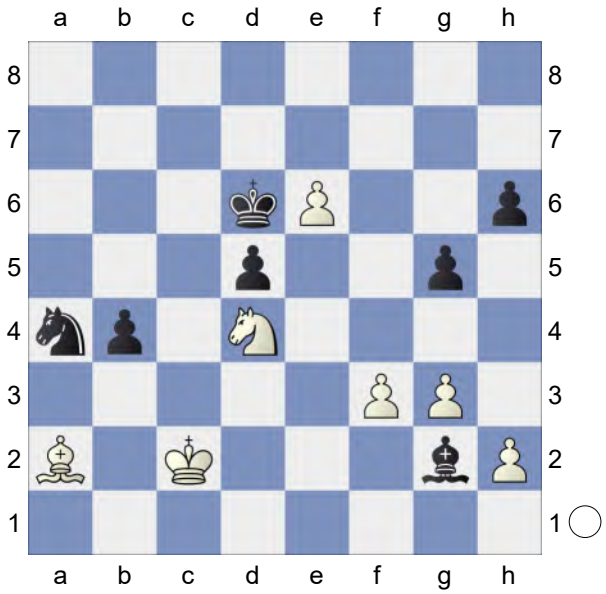
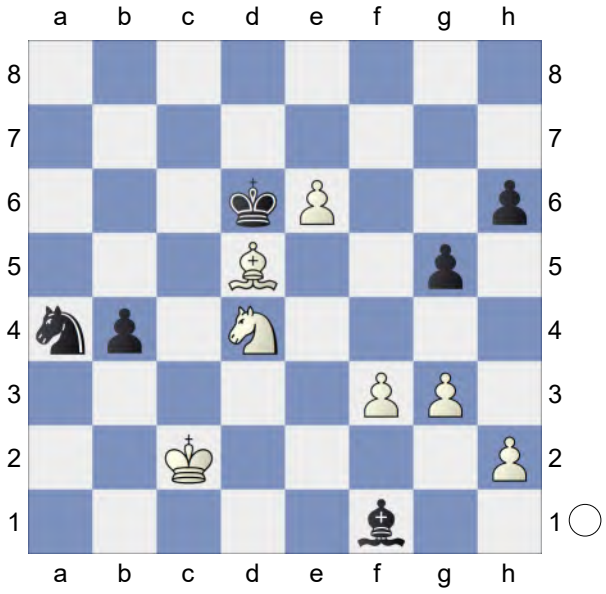


47.Bxd5! Bf1
[47...Kxd5? 48.e7! Kxd4 49.e8Q+-]



48.Bb3 1.23/24
[48.Ba2!+- 1.92/25]
48...Nc5± 49.Nf5+ Ke5

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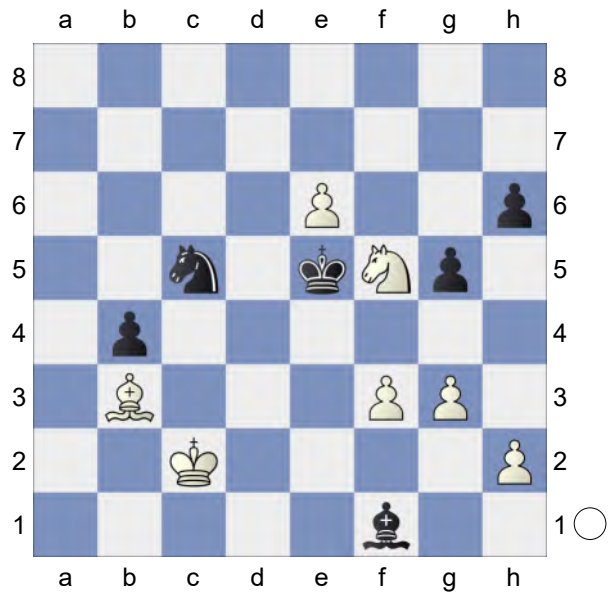
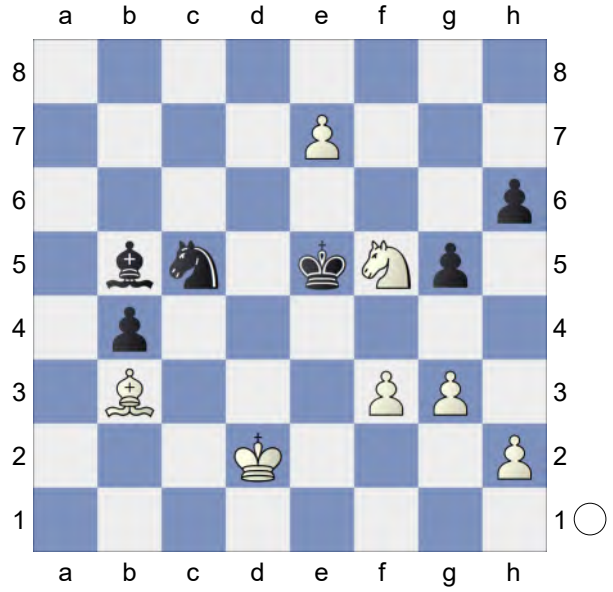
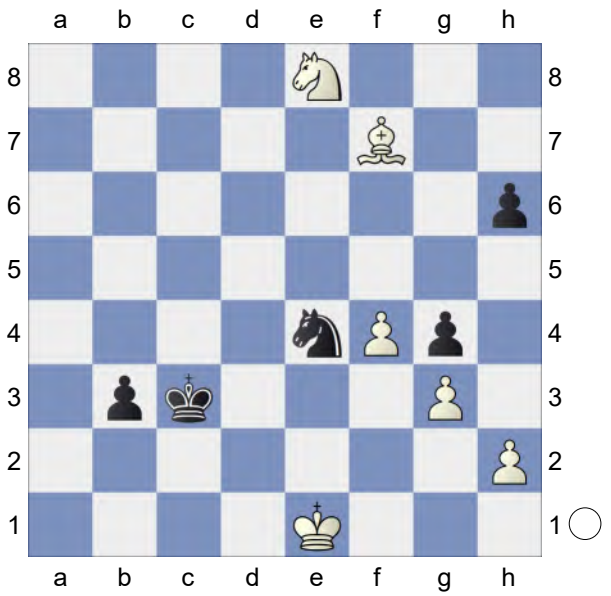


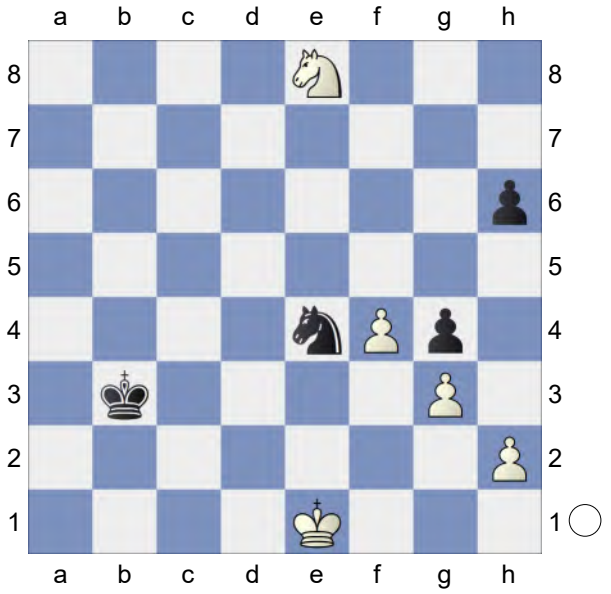
...Bd3+ is the strong threat. **50.e7! Bd3+**
[50...Bb5 51.Ng7]
51.Kd2
[Resist 51.Kb2 Bb5+-]
51...Bb5



52.Bc4 Ba4
[52...Bc6 53.Ng7]
53.Ng7 g4 5.05/26
[⌓53...Bc6 3.58/24 54.e8Q+ Bxe8 55.Nxe8 Kd4]
54.f4++- White is clearly winning.
54...Kd4 55.Bf7 Ne4+ 56.Ke1 Kc3 57.e8Q Bxe8 58.Nxe8 b3



59.Bxb3 Kxb3



60.Ke2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
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19 **D39**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3246**
■ **pawn_git** **2871**
Rapid 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
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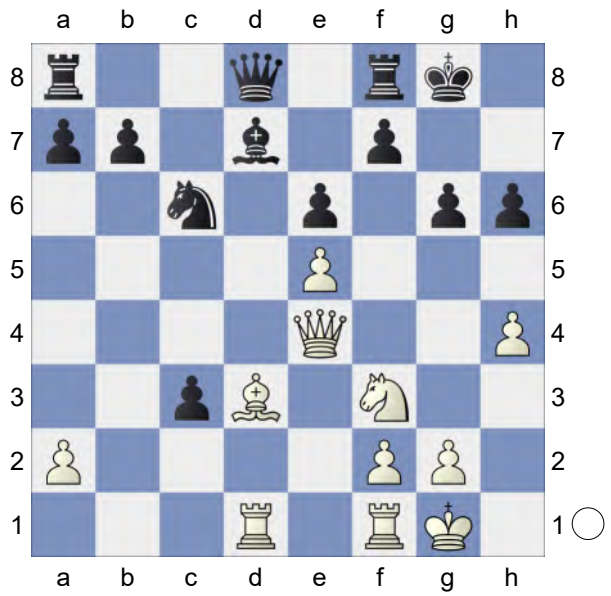
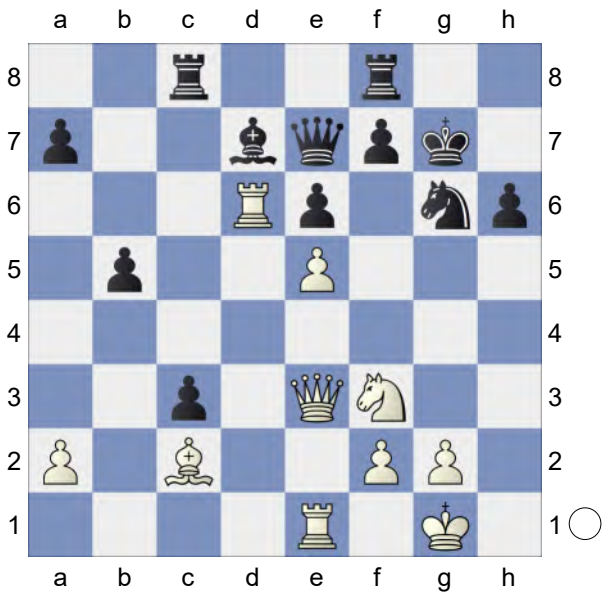
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0 0-0 10.e5 Qd8 11.Qe2
[11.Ne4 cxd4 12.Qe2 Bd7 *(12...Be7 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Bxe6 Nc6 16.Bd5 Rad8 17.Ng3 Bg5 18.Rc4 Rfe8 19.Qc2 Qb8 20.Ne4 d3 21.Rxd3 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Rc5 Qe7 24.f3 Kh8 25.Qc3 Bf4 26.g3 Be5 27.Qc1* 0-1 (38) Kozak,A (2609)-Lashkin,J (2472) ROM-chT Mamaia 2024 (6.1)*)* 13.Rfd1 Nc6 14.Ng3 Bc5 15.a3 Ne7 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Nxd4 Ng6 18.Qh5 Qh4 19.Qxh4 Nxh4 20.a4 Ng6 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Bc6 23.b4 Nxe5 24.b5 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Nd7 ½-½ (52) Ding,L (2777)-Aronian,L (2799) FIDE World Cup 2017 (7.4)]
11...cxd4 12.Rad1 White is slightly better. **12...Nc6N**
[12...Qa5 13.Rxd4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Rg4 Bc6 16.Nd4 Nd7 17.f4 Bd5 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.Rf3 Rfc8 20.Qe3 f5 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Rg6 Ne4 23.Rxe6 Nxc3 24.Rg3 Rc7 25.h3 Nd1 26.Re8+ Kf7 27.Rxg7+ (42) Chapter D25-Games Chapter D25 Game 10 Kxg7 28.Qg3+ Kf6 29.Re6+ Qxe6 30.Qh4+ Kf7 31.Nxe6 Kxe6 32.Qxh6+ Kd7 33.Qh7+ Kd6 34.Qd3+ Ke7 35.Qe2+ Kf7 36.Qxd1 Rac8 37.Qd5+ Kg7 38.Kh2 Rf7 39.g4 Rc6 40.Kg3 Rcf6 41.f5 Ra6 42.g5 1-0 Puccini,J (2642)-3.g3 b5 4.♗g2_31338 (2569) Zuerich Chess Challenge Rapid 4th 2015]
13.Qe4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Bd3
[15.cxd4 Ne7=]
[15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Ba4+-]
15...g6 16.h4
[16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8+-]
[16.cxd4 Nb4=]
16...dxc3

(Diagram)

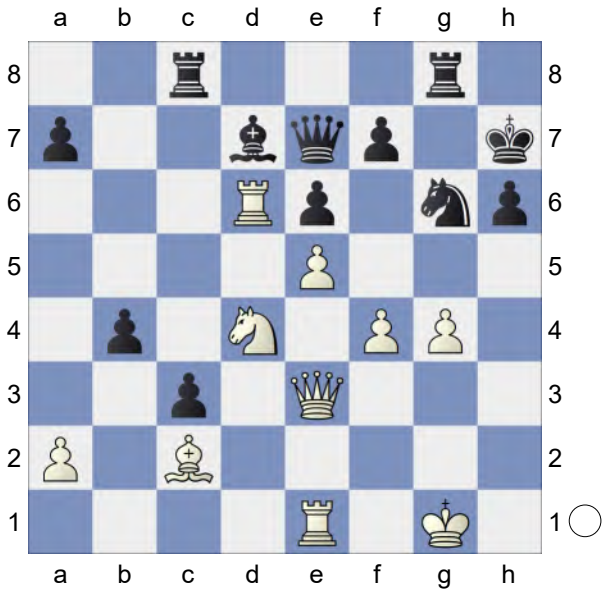


17.h5! Ne7
[17...f5 18.exf6]
18.Bc2
[18.Qxb7 Ba4= *(18...gxh5? 19.Bh7+ Kxh7 20.Rxd7+-; 18...Bc6? 19.Qb4-+)*]
18...Rc8 19.Rfe1 b5 1.26/26
[19...Qe8± 0.70/21]
20.Qe3± **Kg7** ...Nd5 would now be deadly. **21.hxg6** **Nxg6** **22.Rd6!** Dancing on a razor blade. White has more active pieces.
[22.Qxa7 Rc7 23.Qb6 Qb8=]
22...Qe7 1.41/22
[Black should try 22...Rc7!± 0.68/21]

(Diagram)

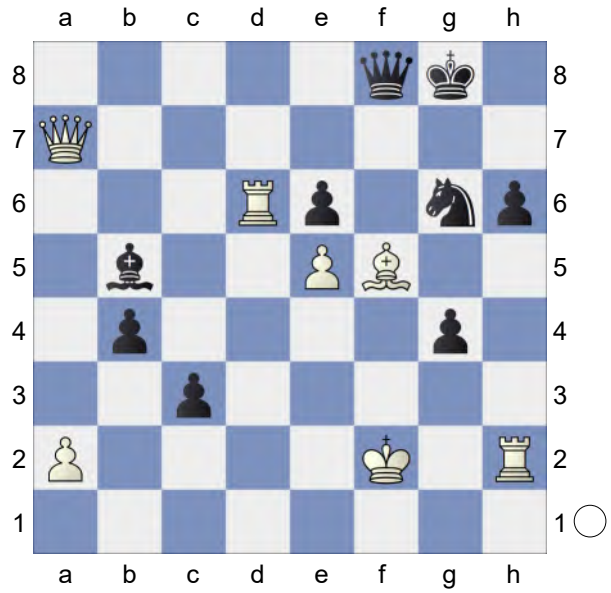


23.Nd4!↑ White has strong compensation. White has some pressure. This costs Black the game.
23...b4 1.98/23
[23...Rg8!± 0.69/20]
24.f4+- Hoping for f5. **24...Kh7 25.g4**
[25.a3 a5=]
25...Rg8

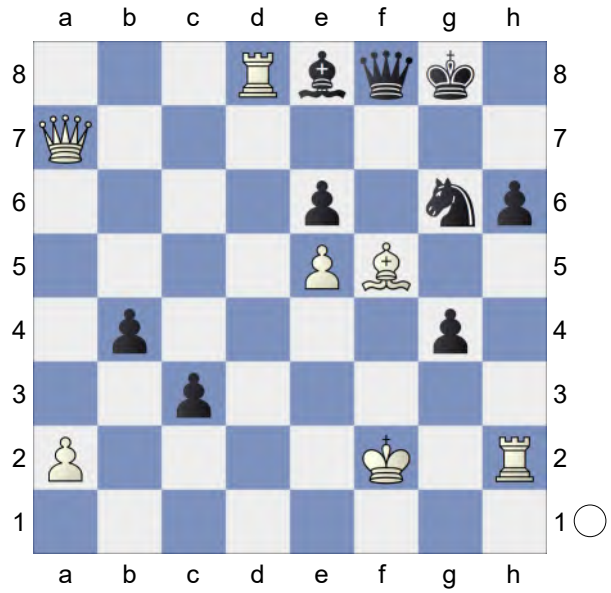


26.Re2! f5? 4.50/19
[26...Rg7 2.44/17 27.Rh2 Kg8]
27.Kf1 Rc4
[27...fxg4 28.Rh2 g3 *(28...Rg7? 29.f5+-)* 29.Qxg3+-]

28.Rh2
[Less strong is 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Rh2 *(29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Bxf5 Qh4=)* 29...Nh4+-]
28...Bb5 29.Kf2 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 fxg4 31.Qe3 Rf8 32.f5 Rxf5+ 33.Bxf5 Pin **33...Qf8 34.Qxa7+ Kg8**



35.Rd8! Be8



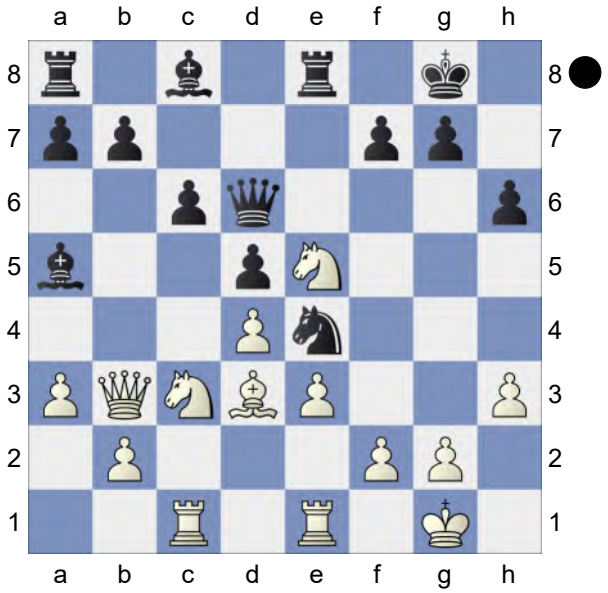
36.Rxe8! Qxe8
[36...g3+ 37.Kg2]
37.Rxh6 Ne7 38.Bxe6+ Kg7 39.Qe3 White wants to mate with Bf5!. **39...c2 40.Qg5+ Ng6 41.Bf5 c1Q 42.Rxg6+ Qxg6 43.Qxg6+**
[Weaker is 43.Qxc1 Qxf5+ 44.Kg2 Qe4+ *(44...Qxe5 45.Qd1∓; 44...Qf3+ 45.Kg1∓)* 45.Kf2 Kg6∓ *(45...Qxe5 46.Qc4∓)*]
43...Kf8 44.Qd6+ Kg8 45.Qd8+ White mates. **45...Kf7 46.e6+**
[46.Bxg4 Qf4+ 47.Bf3 Qh2+ 48.Kf1 Qxe5 49.Qd5+ Kf6 50.Qxe5+ Kxe5+-]
46...Kg7 47.Qe7+ Kh6 48.Qf6+ Kh5 49.Qg6+ Kh4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.94
50.Qxg4#
1-0

20	**D38**
☐ **bot64jaques**	**2568**
■ **MayhemPl_cluster**	**3107**
Rapid	18.01.2025

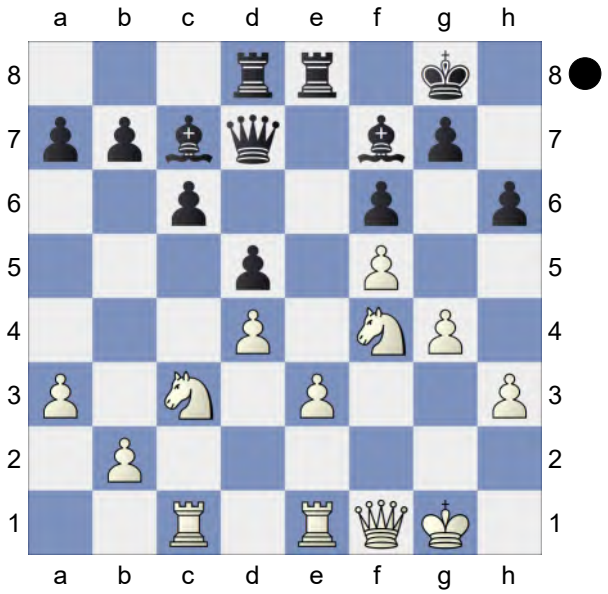
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+1sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Qb3 Qd6 9.e3 0-0 10.Bd3 c6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.a3 Ba5 13.Rfe1N
[13.Qc2 Nf6 14.b4 Bc7 15.Bf5 Ng4 16.g3 Be6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.b5 Ba5 19.Ne2 cxb5 20.Qb3 Qe4 21.Ne1 a6 22.Nf4 Nf6 23.Ned3 b6 24.Ne5 Rac8 25.Rac1 Bd2 26.Rc6 Rxc6 27.Nxc6 Rc8 0-1 (38) Dai,C (2017)-Sardana,R (2449) Doeberl Cup Canberra 2023 (2) 28.Nb4 Bxb4 29.axb4 Qf5 30.Ra1 g5 31.Nd3 Ne4 32.Rxa6 Rc1+ 33.Kg2 Nd2 34.Nxc1 Qe4+ 35.f3 Qxf3+ 36.Kh3 g4+ 37.Kh4 Nxb3 38.Nxb3 Qf5 Daianu,C (2280)-Solak,D (2577) 110/

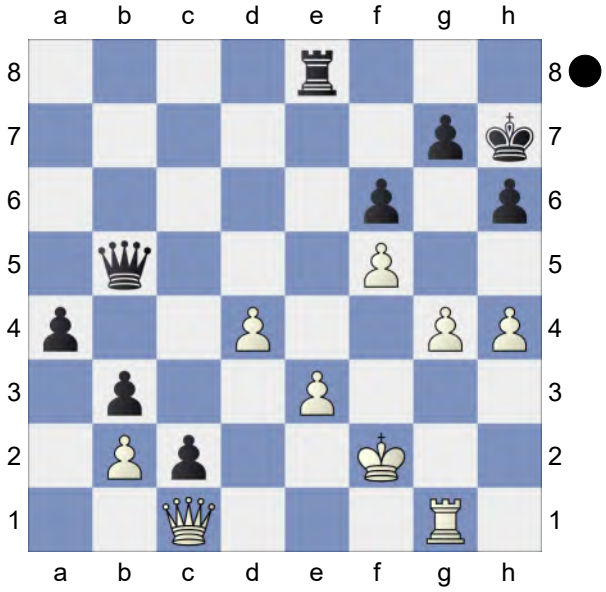
(66) Romania 2010]
13...Nf6 14.Rac1 The position is equal.
14...Re8 15.h3 Ne4 16.Ne5



Wards off Qg6 **16...Nc5** Deflection
17.Qc2
[17.Nxf7 Nxb3]
17...Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Be6 19.Nf3 Qd7 20.Ne5 Qe7 21.f4 f6 22.Ng6 Qd7 23.g4 Prevents Bf5 **23...Bc7** White is on the road to losing. **24.f5 Bf7 25.Nf4 Rad8 26.Qf1**



c5! 27.Qf2 -1.58/22
[⌓27.Qf3 -1.18/20]
27...c4∓ 28.Kg2 -2.08/22
[28.Qf3∓ -1.30/22]
28...b5-+ 29.Re2 -2.74/22
[⌓29.Rb1 -1.78/21]
29...a5 30.a4 -3.89/22
[30.Qf3 -2.41/23 might work better.]
30...b4
[30...bxa4 31.Ra1∓]
31.Nb5 Bb8 32.Rf1 Re4 33.Qe1 Qe7 34.Rff2 Kh7 35.Rf3 -6.40/21
[⌓35.Qd2 -4.43/20]
35...Bxf4 36.Rxf4 Be8 37.Kf2 Bxb5 38.axb5 Rb8 39.Qa1 Qc7 40.Kf3 c3
[40...Rxf4+ 41.exf4 Qb6 *(41...Rxb5? 42.Qe1∓)* 42.Re7-+]
41.Rxe4 dxe4+ 42.Kxe4 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **42...c2 43.Re1 b3** White must now prevent ... Qb7+. **44.Kf3 a4 45.h4 Qb7+ 46.Kf2 Qxb5 47.Rg1 Re8 48.Qc1**



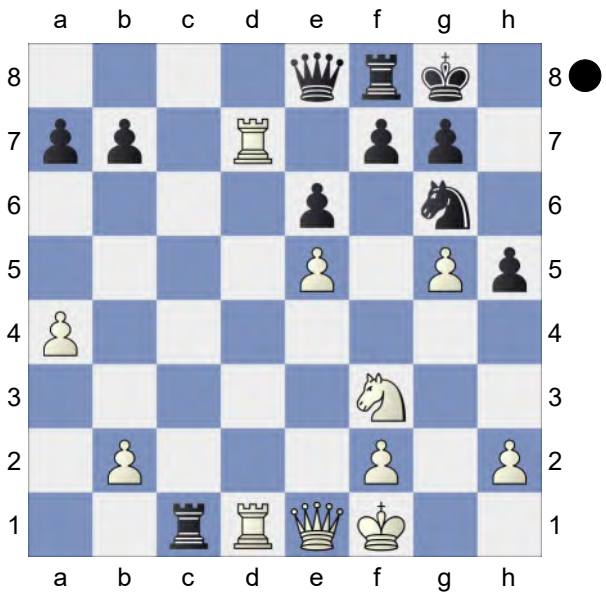
a3! 49.bxa3
[49.g5 Qxf5+]
49...Qd3 (-> ...b2!) **50.Re1 Qc3** (-> ...b2) **51.Re2 b2 52.Qxc2 Qxc2** Remove Defender
[And not 52...Qxa3 53.Qxb2±]
53.Rxc2 b1Q
[Weaker is 53...b1B 54.Rc1 Be4

55.h5∓]
54.Re2 Qh1 55.h5 Rb8 Black mates. **56.Kg3 Rb3 57.Kf2 Rb1 58.Ra2 Re1 59.Kg3 Rxe3+ 60.Kf2 Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Rg3+ 62.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.24 (precise)
62...Qg1#
0-1

21 **D39**
□ **bot64jaques** **2524**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3137**
Rapid 13.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0 Strongly threatening Nb5. **9...cxd4! 10.e5 Qd8 11.Bb5+N** The position is equal.
[11.Ne4 0-0 *(11...Nc6 12.a3 Be7 13.Re1 a6 14.Rc1 b5 15.Bxe6 Bxe6 16.Rxc6 0-0 17.Nxd4 Bd5 18.Rc1 Bg5 19.Nxg5 Qxg5 20.Nf3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Rac8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.g3 Qd2 24.Qe2 Rc2 25.Qxd2 Rxd2 26.b4* 1-0 (39) Sevian,S (2687)-Santos Latasa,J (2657) PRO League Prelim rapid 2023 (2.4)*)* 12.a3 *(12.Qd3 Be7 13.Rfe1 Nc6 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Nb4 16.Qe2 d3 17.Qe4 b5 18.Bxd3 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bb7 20.Qxb5 Rfd8 21.b3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Bg5 23.Kg2 Bd2 24.Re4 Rd5 25.Qc4 Qd7 26.Qa4 Qd8* ½-½ (47) Nepomniachtchi,I (2784)-Ding,L (2791) Chessable Masters GpB rapid 2020 (3.1)*; 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Ng3 Rd8 15.Nxd4 Bd7 16.Nh5 Bf8 17.Bd3 Bc6 18.Bb1 Qe7 19.Rd3 Qh4 20.Rfd1 Ba4 21.b3 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.Rxd8 Qg5 26.f4 Qxf4* 0-1 (64) Li Shilong (2457)-Parligras,M (2638) Belt and Road Hunan Op A 2019 (1.16) *27.exf6 Qxf6 28.Qc2 Qg7 29.g3 f5 30.Qc5 Qf6 31.Qd6 Kg7 32.Qc7+ Kg6 33.g4 Qb2 34.gxf5+ Kh5 35.Bc2 Qxc2 36.Qf7+ Kh4 37.Rd4+ Be4 38.Rxe4+ Qxe4 39.Qxf8 Qb1+ 40.Kg2 Qxa2+ 41.Kg1 Qb1+* 0-1 (64) Li,S (2457)-Parligras,M (2638) Belt and Road Hunan Op A 2019 (1.16)*)* 12...Be7 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.Rac1 Rd8 16.Bd3 Nf8 17.Ng3 Bd7 18.h4 Rac8 19.Nh5 a6 20.g3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Bb5 22.Bxb5 axb5 23.Qe4 b4 24.axb4 Qxb4 25.Qg4 Ng6 0-1 (49) Begun,S (2266)-Farionov,A (2597) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (2)]
11...Bd7 12.Qxd4 Bxc3 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qxc3 0-0 15.Rfd1 Qb5 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.a4 Qc6 17.Qe1 Qe8 18.Rd6 Nc6 19.Qe4 Rb8 20.Rad1 Ne7 21.g4 Rc8 22.g5**
[22.Qxb7 Qxa4 23.R6d4 Qe8=]
22...h5! White is now going downhill.
23.Rd7 -1.00/21 Prevents Rc7
[23.b3∓ -0.62/18]
23...Rc1∓ Deflection **24.Qe1** -1.42/21
[⌓24.Rxc1 -0.80/21 Qxd7 25.Rc4]
24...Ng6 25.Kf1 -2.15/19
[25.h3∓ -1.26/21]

(Diagram)



25...Ra1!!-+ Deflection **26.b3 Rb1 27.R7d3** -2.24/22
[⌓27.b4 -1.76/21]
27...Rxd1 28.Qxd1 b5 29.Kg1 -2.27/21
[29.a5 -1.79/20 is a better defense.]
29...bxa4 30.bxa4 Qb8 31.Rd6 -2.49/21
[⌓31.Rd4 -1.73/21]
31...Rc8 32.h3 Qb2 33.Rd2 Qa3 34.Kg2? -4.03/22
[34.Rd3 -1.98/22 Rc3 35.Rxc3 Qxc3 36.Kg2]
34...Rc4 35.Rd8+? -5.82/21
[35.Ng1 -3.40/22 Nf4+ *(35...Nxe5 36.Rd8+)* 36.Kh2]
35...Kh7 36.Kh2 Qc5
[36...Qxa4 37.Qe2 Rc2 38.Qe3-+]
[36...Rxa4 37.Nd4 Nf4 *(37...Nxe5 38.Qxh5#)* 38.g6+ Kxg6 *(38...fxg6 39.Nf3±)* 39.Nf3±]
37.Qe2 Rxa4 38.Rd2 a5 39.Rd1 Rc4 40.Rd2 a4 41.Qd3 a3 42.Ra2 Rc3

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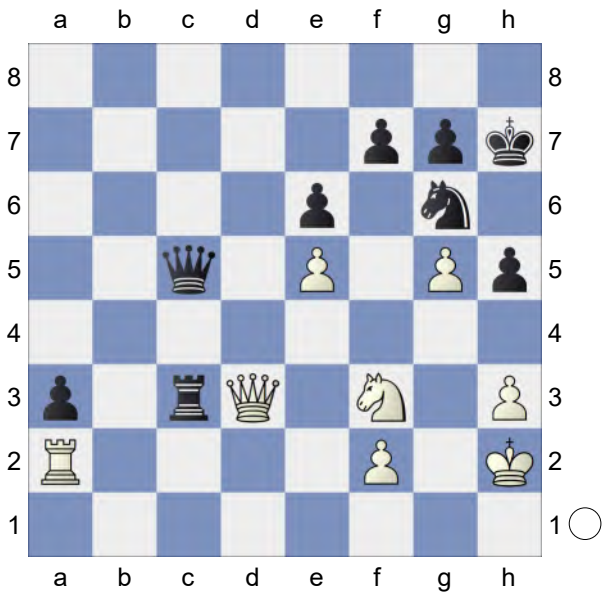
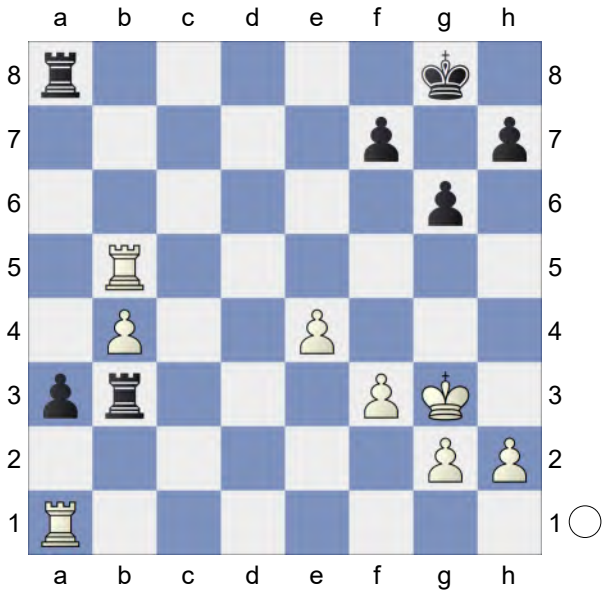


Skewer **43.Qd4 Qc7 44.Qe4 Qb6** ...Qb3 would now be deadly. **45.Nh4 Qb3 46.Nxg6 fxg6** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **47.Qe2 Rxh3+ 48.Kg2 Rh4 49.f3 Qb1 50.Rxa3 Qh1+ 51.Kg3 Rh3+ 52.Kf4 Rh2 53.Re3 Rxe2 54.Rxe2** KQ-KR **54...Qh4+ 55.Ke3 Qg3 56.Kd4 Qxg5 57.Re4 Qg1+ 58.Kd3 Qf2 59.f4 h4** (-> ...h3) **60.f5 Qxf5 61.Kd4 Qf2+ 62.Kc3 h3 63.Ra4 h2 64.Ra1 Qf3+ 65.Kb2 h1Q 66.Rxh1+ Qxh1 67.Kc3 g5 68.Kd4 g4 69.Kc4 g3 70.Kc5 g2 71.Kd6 g1Q** Black mates. **72.Kxe6 Qc6+ 73.Kf7 Qd7+ 74.Kf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/Black=0.32
74...Qc5#
0-1

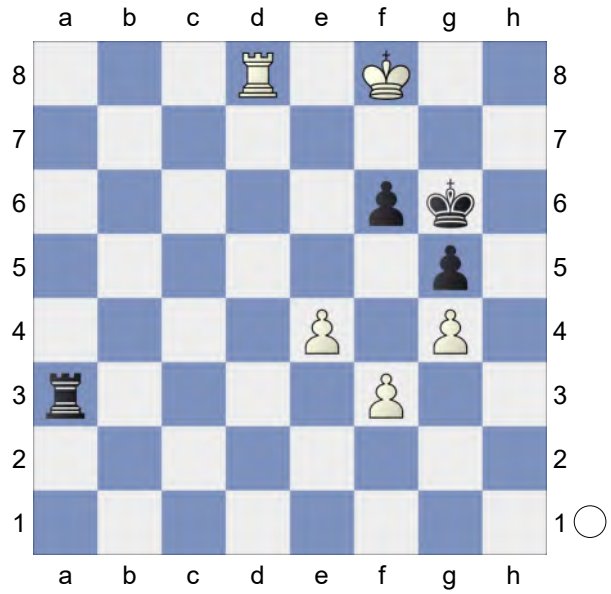
22 **D38**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R..** **2741**
■ **Navara,D..** **2677**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (1) 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 c5**
[7...Bf5 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Nh4 Be6 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Be7 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Be2 c5 16.a3 c4 17.Qd1 Na6 18.b3 Nc7 19.bxc4 dxc4 20.a4 Bb4 21.Qc2 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Firouzja,A (2728) Carlsen Inv Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.3)]
8.Bd3
[8.dxc5 Nc6 9.Be2 Qa5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc5 12.Rc1 Bf5 13.Nd4 Bg6 14.c4 Nxd4 15.exd4 Qa5 16.Qb3 Nh5 17.Bxh5 Bxh5 18.Bd6 dxc4 19.Rxc4 Rfe8 20.Rc7 Re6 21.Qxb7 Rae8 22.Be5 1-0 Zhu,M (2264)-Carrillo Montes,I (1811) 458 Linz 2015 (1)]
8...Bg4N
[8...c4 9.Bc2 Qa5 10.0-0 *(10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ne1 Nf6* #2 4) 6.Bf4-6.Bf4 O-O 7.e3 *)* 10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc3 12.Ne5 Re8 #1 4) 6.Bf4-6.Bf4 O-O 7.e3]
9.a3 Ba5 10.dxc5 Black should prevent b2-b4. **10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa5** Repels Qd1-a4. Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Qb3 Nbd7** 0.59/21
[12...Na6= 0.01/22]
13.Qb4± Qxc5 14.Nd4
[14.Qxb7? Qxc3+ *(14...Bxf3? 15.0-0-+)* 15.Ke2 Qxd3+ 16.Kxd3 Nc5+ 17.Ke2 Nxb7-+]
14...Rfc8 15.f3
[15.Qxb7? Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Qc1+ 17.Rxc1 Rxc1#]
15...Bh5 16.Rc1 -0.07/22
[16.Qxb7? Qxc3+ 17.Ke2 Qxd3+ 18.Kxd3 Nc5+ 19.Ke2 Nxb7-+]
[16.Nf5± 0.55/21 Qxc3+ 17.Ke2]
16...Bg6= 17.Be2 a5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Kf2 Bd3 20.Rhd1 Bxe2 21.Nxe2 Nb3 22.Rb1 a4 23.Bg5 Nd7 24.Rxd5 Nb6 25.Rb5 Nc4 26.Be7
[26.Rxb7? Nc5 27.Re7 Kf8-+]
26...b6 27.Rd1 Nc5! 28.Nd4 Nxa3 Excellent horsemanship. **29.Rxb6** Threatens to win with Rb6-c6. **29...Nc4 30.Rb5 Nb3 31.Bb4 Nb2 32.Rb1↑** White has some pressure. **32...Nd3+ 33.Kg3 Nxb4** 0.88/25
[33...Nxd4!= 0.07/23 keeps the balance. 34.exd4 Ra6]
34.cxb4±
[34.Rxb4 Rxc3 35.Nxb3 axb3=]
34...Rc3 35.Nxb3 Rxb3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **36.Ra1 g6**
[36...Rxe3 37.Rxa4 Rae8 38.Ra7±]
37.e4 a3



38.Ra5! Rb8
[38...Rxa5? 39.bxa5 Rb7 40.Rxa3+- *(40.a6 Ra7+-)*]

39.R1xa3 Rxa3 40.Rxa3 Rxb4 KR-KR **41.Ra2 Kg7 42.Kf4 h5 43.h3 Rb5 44.Rd2 Ra5 45.Rd7 Ra2 46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Ra4 48.Ke5** 0.33/28
[48.Rd1± 0.89/28]
48...g5!± 49.Rd3 Kg6 50.Kd6 Ra6+ 51.Ke7 0.24/30
[51.Kc5± 0.61/28 should be considered. f6 52.Kd4]
51...Ra7+= 52.Ke8 Ra8+ 53.Rd8 0.01/34
[White should play 53.Kd7± 0.55/32]
53...Ra3 54.Kf8 f6!



55.e5! fxe5 56.Rd6+ Kh7 57.Rf6 Ra8+ 58.Kf7 Ra7+ 0.61/33
[58...Ra3= 0.01/33]
59.Ke6± Kg7 Inhibits Rf6-f7+. **60.Kf5!** Strongly threatening Rf6-g6+.
[60.Kxe5 is a self mate. Ra5+ 61.Ke6 Ra6+ 62.Kf5 Rxf6+ 63.Ke4 Rf4+ 64.Ke5 Rxf3 65.Ke6 Rf4 66.Ke5 Kf7 *(66...Rxg4 67.Kf5 Rf4+ 68.Ke5 Ra4 69.Kd6 g4 70.Ke7 g3 71.Kd6 g2 72.Kc6 Rh4 73.Kd5 g1Q 74.Kc6 Qc1+ 75.Kd6 Rd4+ 76.Ke6 Qc6+ 77.Kf5 Qf6#)* 67.Kd6 Rxg4 68.Kd5 Ra4 69.Kc5 g4 70.Kb5 Rf4 *(70...g3 71.Kxa4 g2 72.Kb5 g1Q 73.Kc4 Qe3 74.Kb5 Ke6 75.Kc4 Kd6 76.Kb4 Kd5 77.Ka5 Qb3 78.Ka6 Kc6 79.Ka7 Qb7#)* 71.Kc6 g3 72.Kd6 g2 *(72...Rf6+ 73.Kd5 g2 74.Kc4 g1Q 75.Kd3 Rf4 76.Ke2 Qg3 77.Kd1 Qg2 78.Ke1 Rf1#)* 73.Ke5 Rb4 *(73...g1Q 74.Kxf4 Qe1 75.Kf3 Kf6 76.Kg2 Qe2+ 77.Kh3 Kg5 78.Kg3 Kf5 79.Kh3 Kf4 80.Kh4 Qh2#)* 74.Kd6 g1Q *(74...g1R* leads to mate. *75.Kc5 Rgb1 76.Kd6 Rc1 77.Ke5 Rd1 78.Kf5 Rd5#)* 75.Kc6 Qb6+ 76.Kd5 Rd4+ 77.Ke5 Qf6#]
60...Ra5 61.Rg6+ Kf7 (→ ...e5-e4+!) **62.Rd6**
[Much weaker is 62.Rf6+ Kg7 63.Rg6+ Kf8=]
62...e4+ Decoy **63.Kxe4** Hoping for Rd6-d5. **63...Ra4+ 64.Rd4 Ra3 65.Rd3 Ra4+ 66.Ke5** 0.03/35
[White should try 66.Ke3± 0.60/36]
66...Rf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

23 **E58**
□ **PuffinBot** **2647**
■ **ArasanX** **3077**
Rapid 08.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec E58: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 8 a3 Bxc3 Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v3 ↻ 2.00GHz 1995 MHz W=14.9 plies; 2.003kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg B=15.1 plies; 1.892kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg **1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 b6**

[9...Qc7 10.h3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b6 12.Bd3 Rd8 13.Bb2 Ne7 14.Re1 Ng6 15.e4 Bb7 16.Nd2 Rd7 17.Bf1 Rad8 18.Qe2 Qc6 19.Qc4 Qc7 20.Qe2 Qc6 21.Qc4 Qc7 22.Rac1 h5 23.Qe2 h4 24.e5 1-0 (52) Ernst,H (2748)-Kobelev,A (2716) 83/12 Alushta 2001 (10)]

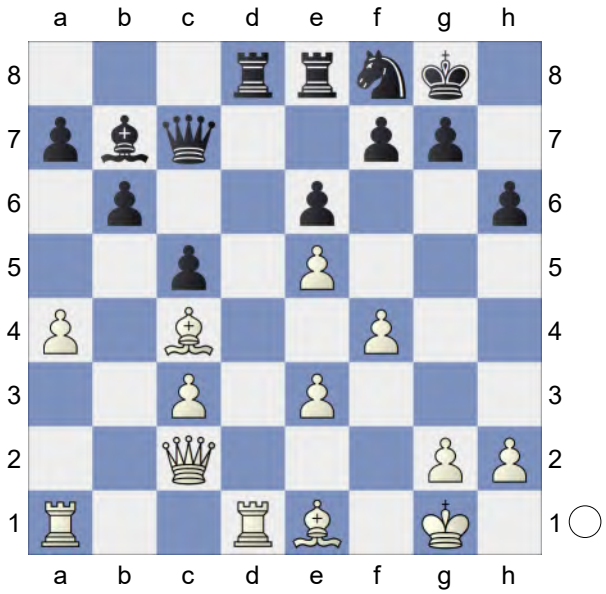
10.Ne5N

[10.Bb2 Na5 11.cxd5 c4 12.Bc2 exd5 13.Ne5 Ne4 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh4 f6 17.Ng4 Bxg4 18.Qxg4 f5 19.Qh4 Nb3 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.f3 Nd6 22.Rfe1 Qd7 23.Qg5 Rf7 24.Qf4 a5 0-1 (128) Deep Fritz-Prodeo SCCT (3m+2s(Champions 2021 (13.11)]

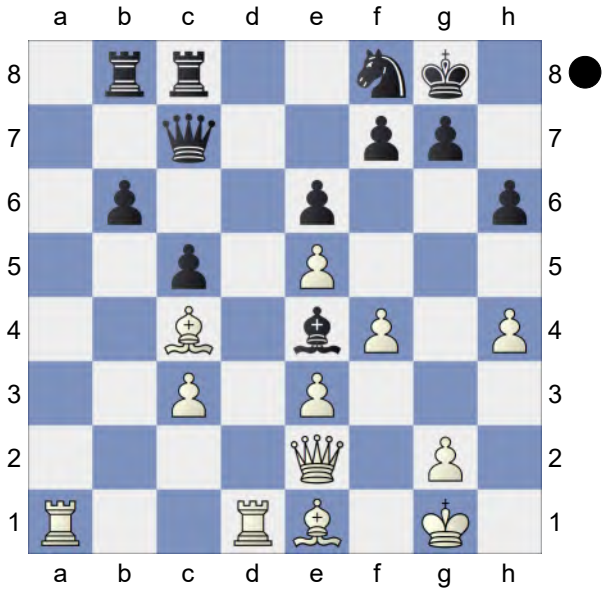
[10.cxd5 exd5 11.a4 c4 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Qc7 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.a5 b5 19.Kg2 Rfe8 20.Bd2 Re6 21.f3 Rae8 22.Rfe1 Qc7 23.Re2 Ra6 24.Qa2 h5 0-1 (60) Tilahun,A (2015)-Munkhgal,G (2452) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.3) 25.Be1 Qd7 26.g5 Nh7 27.h4 f6 28.gxf6 Rxf6 29.Bg3 g5 30.Be5 g4 31.f4 Rf5 32.Qb1 Nf6 33.Bxf6 Rxf6 34.Kg3 Re4 35.Qc2 Qc7 36.Qd2 Ra6 37.Qa2 Kg7 38.Kf2 Qe7 39.Rh1 Rae6 0-1 (60) Luebbers,D (2015)-Olbrich,J (2452) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1.3)]

10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.f4 and cxd5 would now be decisive. The position is equal. **12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Bb7** Against e4 **14.Qc2 Qc7 15.a4 Rfe8 16.Rd1 Rad8 17.Bd2 h6 18.Be1 Nf8**

(Diagram)

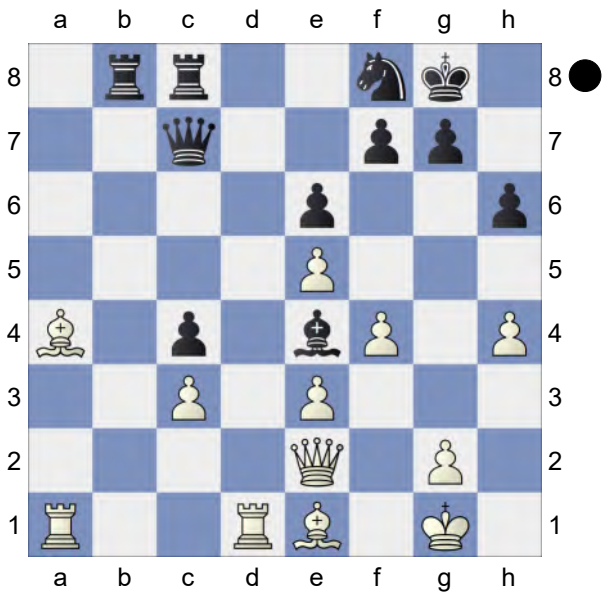


19.a5 -0.25/23 **Bc6= 20.axb6 axb6 21.Rdb1 Rb8 22.Qe2 Be4 23.Rd1 Rec8 24.h4**

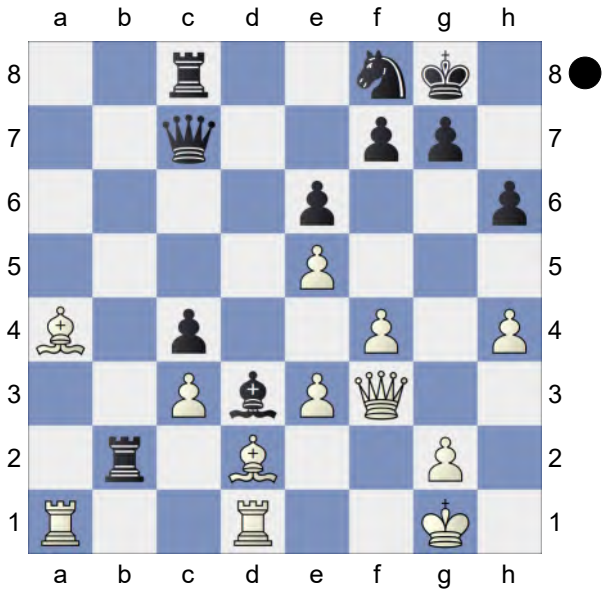


b5! 25.Bxb5 c4 26.Ba4

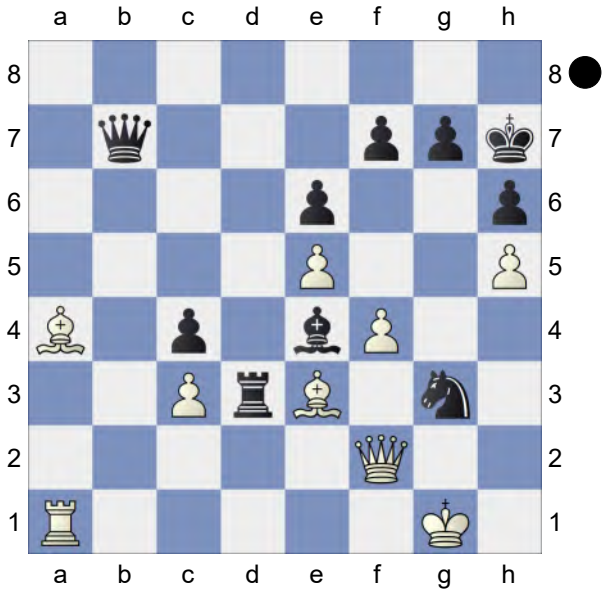
(Diagram)



Bd3! Black has strong compensation. **27.Qf3** -1.24/23
[27.Qf2∓ -0.60/22]
27...Rb2∓ This move loses the game for White. **28.Bd2?** -3.43/22
[28.Rdc1∓ -1.19/21]



28...Ng6!-+ 29.h5 -4.12/22
[29.Be1 -2.44/19]
29...Nh4 30.Qf2 Qe7 31.g3 Nf5 32.Qf3 Inhibits Be4. **32...Qc5** Wards off Bc6 **33.Bd7** -5.51/22
[⌓33.Be1 -3.63/20]
33...Rd8 34.Ba4 Qb6 35.Be1 Rd5
[35...Qxe3+ 36.Qxe3 Nxe3 37.Rd2 Rxd2 38.Bxd2=]
[35...Nxe3 36.Bf2=]
36.Bd2 Qb7 37.e4 Rd8 38.Be1 Kh7
[38...Qxe4? 39.Qxe4 Bxe4 40.Rxd8++-]
39.Rd2 Rxd2
[39...Qxe4? is the wrong capture. 40.Qxe4 Bxe4 41.Rxb2+-]
40.Bxd2 Bxe4 Discovered Attack
[40...Qxe4 41.Kf2 Bc2 42.Qxe4 Bxe4 43.Be3∓]
41.Qe2 Nxg3 42.Qf2 White is weak on the light squares **42...Rd3** White must now prevent ...Qe7!. **43.Be3**



Rxe3! Deflection **44.Qxe3 Qb2**
[Less strong is 44...Nxh5 45.Re1 Bf3 46.Bd1 Bxd1 47.Rxd1∓]
45.Qxg3 Qxa1+ 46.Kf2 Qxa4 Endgame **47.Qe3 Qc2+ 48.Ke1 Bd3 49.Qd2 Qxd2+ 50.Kxd2 g6 51.hxg6+ Kxg6** KB-K3P **52.Ke3 Kh5 53.f5 Kg4 54.Kd4 h5 55.Ke3 h4 56.Kd4 h3 57.fxe6 fxe6** KB-KPP **58.Kc5 h2 59.Kb6 h1Q 60.Kc7 Qd5 61.Kc8 Be4** (-> ...Qb7+) **62.Kc7 Qb7+ 63.Kd8 Qg7** -33.05/5

[⌓63...Qf7 -#3/15 64.Kc8 Qe7 65.Kb8 Qb7#]

64.Ke8 Bc6+ 65.Kd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.23 (precise)

65...Qd7#

0-1

24 **D38**

□ **InanisBot** **2579**

■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3133**

Rapid 11.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.dxc5 Nbd7 9.e3

[9.Rc1 Qa5 10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 Ne4 12.b4 Nxc3 13.Qa1 Qa6 14.Qxc3 Qg6 15.e3 Qb1+ 16.Kd2 0-0 17.Rg1 a5 18.Bc4 axb4 19.axb4 Qe4 20.Bd3 Qe6 21.Nd4 Qe5 22.Bg3 Qf6 23.Nb5 Ra2+ (26) 7.?d3 ?h5 8.00-Novak,J Yerevan (ol) 67/43 1996]

9...Qa5 Prevents Bb5 **10.Qd4N**

White is slightly better.

[10.Nd2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc5 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Be2 Qa3 14.0-0 Qxa2 15.c4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Be7 Re8 18.Bd6 Nf6 19.Ra1 Qb2 20.c5 a5 21.Rb1 Qa2 22.Bb5 Rd8 23.Qc1 Qe6 24.Bc7 Rf8 ½-½ (28) Topalov,V (2772)-Carlsen,M (2881) 2nd Norway Chess 2014 (4.4)]

[10.Rc1 Ne4 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxc3 14.Qd2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 b6 16.c6 Ba6 17.Qd1 Nc5 18.Qxd5 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Rac8 20.Nd4 Qd2 21.Qc4 Rfe8 22.Qc2 Qxc2 23.Rxc2 Re5 24.Bg3 Rd5 (35) Chapter D00-Games Chapter D00 Game 21 25.c7 Rd7 26.Nb5 a6 27.Nd4 Ne4 28.Rc6 Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 Rdxc7 30.Rxb6 Rc1+ 31.Ke2 Ra8 32.Rb4 a5 33.Ra4 Rb1 34.Nb3 Rb2+ 35.Kf3 Ra6 0-1 15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2712)-Buchicchio,G (2785) RUS Zone 3 email 2017 (2)]

10...Bxc5 11.Qd3 Bb4 12.Be2 Nc5 13.Qd4 Ne6 14.Qd3 Ne4 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Nxc3 17.Bd1 b6

[17...Nxa2? 18.Qb1 0-0 19.Rxa2+- *(19.Qxa2 Qc3+-)*]

18.Rc1 Against d4 **18...Nxd1**

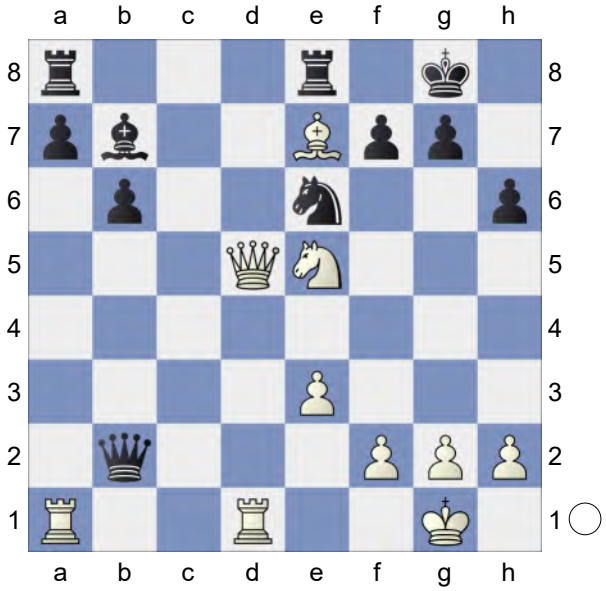
[18...Nxa2?! 19.Ra1±]

19.Rfxd1 Qxa2

[19...0-0 simplifies 20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Rxd5 Bb7]

20.Ne5 0-0! 21.Be7 Inhibits Nc5.

21...Re8 22.Ra1! Qb2 23.Qxd5 Bd6 is the strong threat. **23...Bb7!**

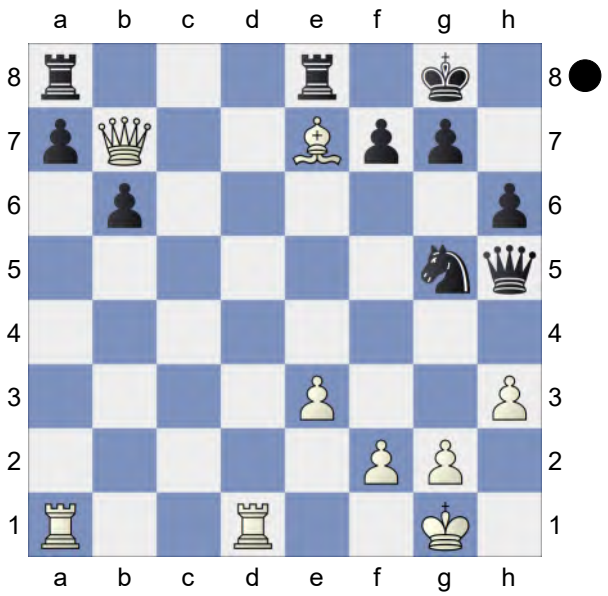


Deflection **24.Qxb7 Qxe5 25.Bd6** -0.78/21

[25.Rxa7∓ -0.38/22 Rxa7 26.Qxa7]

25...Qh5∓ 26.h3 Ng5 27.Be7 -1.00/21

[27.f3!∓ -0.53/18]

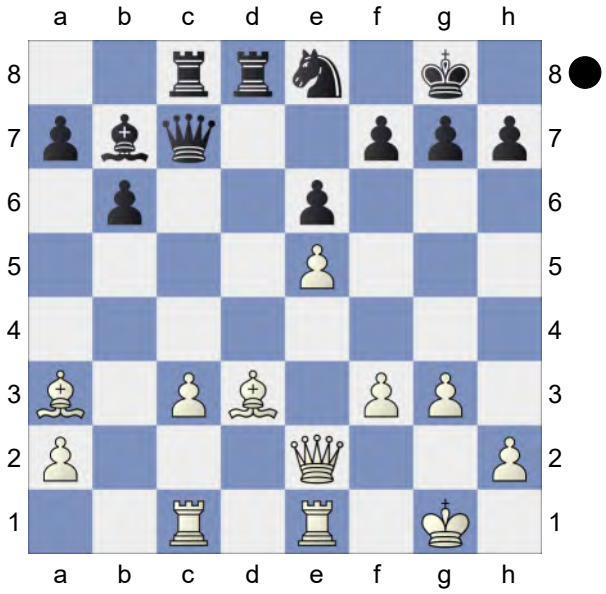


27...a5!↑ Black is really pushing.
28.Rac1 -1.80/20
[28.Bxg5∓ -0.79/20 Rab8 *(28...Qxg5 29.Qxb6 a4 30.Ra3=)* 29.Qa7 Qxg5 30.Rd7]
28...Rab8-+ 29.Qd7 -2.32/20
[29.Qc7∓ -1.33/20 was necessary.]
29...b5 30.Rd6 b4 31.Bxg5 hxg5 This move loses the game for White.
32.Rcc6? -5.61/22
[32.Rd5∓ -1.17/18 was the crucial defense.]
32...Qe2 33.Rd2 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 b3 ...Qa1 would now be deadly. **35.Rc7 Rf8 36.Rb2 Qb4** Against Qa4 **37.Qd5 Rb5 38.Qd3 a4 39.Ra7 a3 40.Rb1 Rbb8 41.Qd5 b2 42.Qa2 Ra8 43.Qxa3 Qxa3 44.Rxa3 Rxa3 45.Rxb2 Rfa8 46.g4 Ra2 47.Rxa2 Rxa2** Endgame KR-KP **48.Kg3 Kh7 49.Kf3 Kg6 50.Kg3 Kf6 51.Kf3** Inhibits Re2. **51...Ke5 52.Kg2 Ke4 53.Kg3 Rc2 54.Kg2 Re2** -16.02/31
[⌓54...f6 -#23/30 55.Kg3 Kd3 56.h4 gxh4+ Deflection 57.Kxh4 Rxf2 58.e4 g5+ *(58...Kxe4? 59.Kh5-+)* 59.Kh5 Kxe4 60.Kg6 f5 61.Kxg5 fxg4 62.Kxg4 Rg2+ 63.Kh3 Rg7 64.Kh4 Kf5 65.Kh3 Kf4 66.Kh2 Kf3 67.Kh1 Kf2 68.Kh2 Rh7#]
55.Kg1 Kf3 56.Kf1 g6 57.Kg1 Re1+ 58.Kh2 f5 Black mates. **59.h4 gxh4 60.gxf5 gxf5 61.e4 fxe4 62.Kh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.02 (flawless)
62...Rh1#
0-1

25 **E54**
□ **InanisBot** **2572**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3129**
Rapid 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

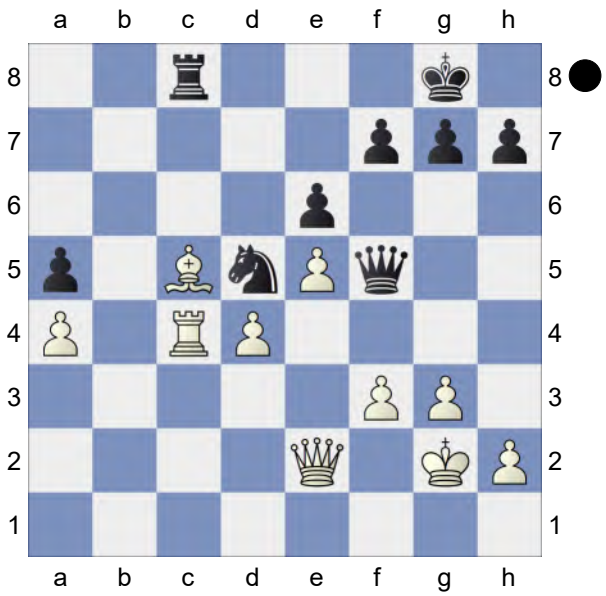
Blitz 8min E54: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Qb3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Ba3N This pair of bishops is nice.
[13.Bg5 Rc8 14.Qd1 Ne7 15.Rc1 Ng6 16.Re1 Qc7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Be4 b5 19.a4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Qc6 21.Re3 b4 22.c4 Rfd8 23.g3 e5 24.Rb3 a5 25.Rb2 exd4 26.Nxd4 Qe4 27.Re2 Qb7 ½-½ (73) Nguyen, Q (2418)-Sriram,A (2306) Goa op Taleigao 2025 (9)]
[13.Qb1 h6 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Bd2 Qd6 10) 5.e3 − Main Line-8.O-O with 9.exd4 & 10.Qe2 #5]
13...Re8 The position is equal. **14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Rac1 Ne7**
[15...e5 simplifies 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Rfd1 Qe8]
16.Ne5 Ng6 17.Rfe1 Nh5 18.g3 Wards off Nhf4 **18...Nf6 19.Qe2 Qc7 20.Bb5** -0.47/23
[20.Red1= -0.01/20]

20...Red8∓ 21.f3 Ne8 22.Bd3 Nxe5! 23.dxe5

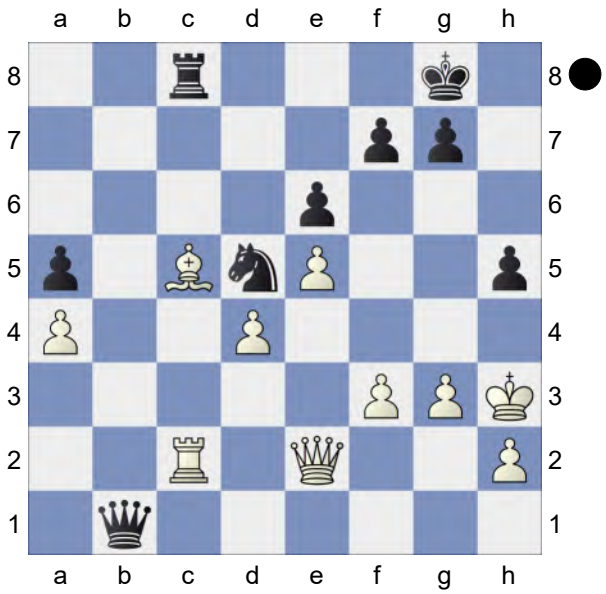


b5! 24.Kg2
[24.Red1 Bd5]
24...a6 25.Bb4 Bd5 26.a4 a5 27.Ba3 Bc4 28.Bxc4 bxc4 29.Rcd1 Rd7 30.Rd4 Qc6!
[30...Rxd4?! 31.cxd4 Qd7 32.Bc5=]
31.Qc2 -1.99/22
[31.Rxd7∓ -1.00/23 Qxd7 32.Qc2]
31...Rxd4-+ 32.cxd4 Nc7 33.Bc5 Qa6 34.Qe2 -3.03/24
[34.Qb2∓ -1.54/21 was called for.]
34...Nd5 35.Rc1? -4.86/26
[35.Qb2 -2.31/22]
35...Qb7 36.Rxc4 Qb1 Wards off Qd3
37.Kh3 Qf5+ -2.11/25
[⌓37...h5 -4.62/26 38.Rc2 Ra8]
38.Kg2

(Diagram)



Qb1? 0.01/20
[38...h6!-+ -1.98/24 ...Qb1 would now be deadly. 39.h4 Qb1]
Loses the game. **39.Kh3!= h5 40.Rc2**



Ne3! Deflection **41.Rc3**
[41.Rb2 Qf5+]

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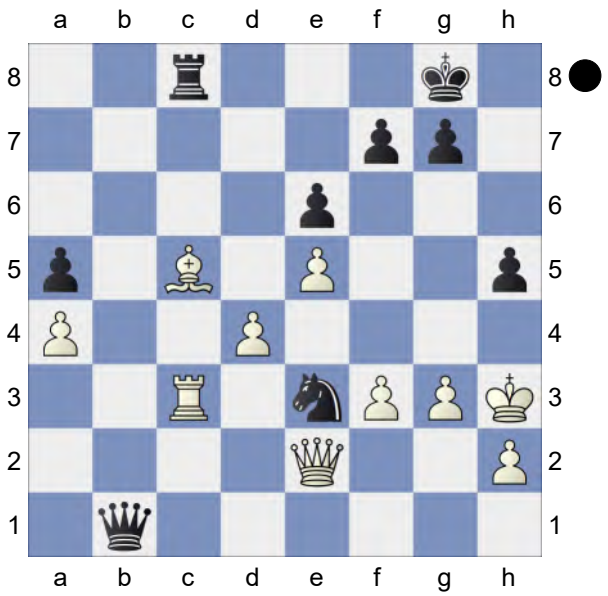
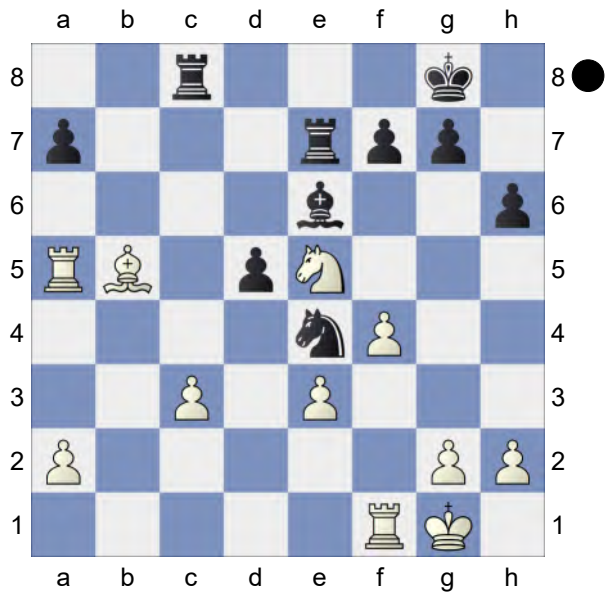


41...Qf5+! 42.g4 hxg4+ 43.fxg4 Qh7+ 44.Kg3 Nd5 45.Rb3 g5 46.h3 -7.40/25
[⌓46.Qf1 -4.62/24 Nf4 *(46...Qh4+? 47.Kg2∓)* 47.Rb2]
46...Nf4-+ 47.Qf1 Qc2 48.Rb1 Qd2
[48...Qxa4? 49.Rb2-+]
49.Rd1 Qc3+
[Don't blunder 49...Ne2+? 50.Kf2 Qc3 51.Qxe2+- *(51.Kxe2 Rb8+-)*]
50.Qf3 Qc2
[Stronger than 50...Rxc5 51.dxc5 Qxc5 *(51...Qxf3+? 52.Kxf3 Ng6 53.Rd6+-)* 52.h4=]
51.Re1 Rb8 (-> ...Rb3!) **52.d5 Qxc5 53.dxe6 Nxe6 54.Qe3 Qd5** (-> ...Nf4) **55.Qf3 Qc4 56.Kf2 Rb3 57.Qa8+ Kg7** (-> ...Rb2+) **58.Qe4 Rb2+ 59.Kg3 Qc3+** Skewer **60.Qe3 Qc2 61.Re2 Qxe2 62.Qxe2 Rxe2 63.h4 gxh4+ 64.Kxh4 Re3 65.g5 Kg6** (-> ...Kf5!) **66.Kg4 Ra3** Black mates. **67.Kh4 Kf5 68.g6 Nf4 69.gxf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.38
69...Rh3#
0-1

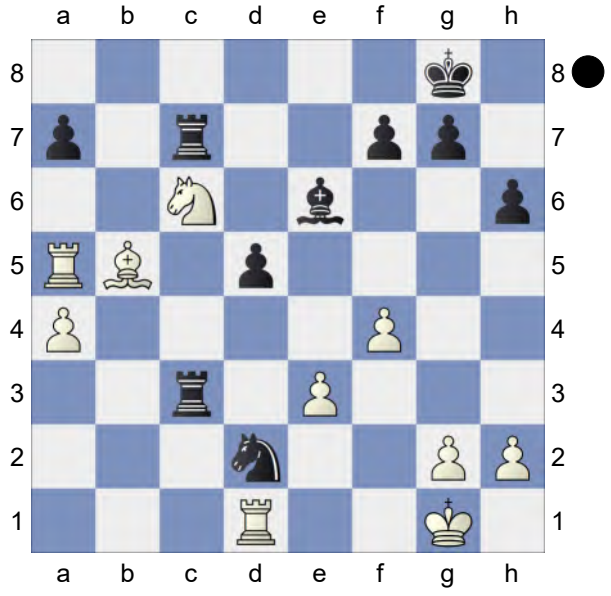
26 **D38**
□ **bot64jaques** **2536**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3129**
Rapid 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Ne5N
[14.c4 Be6 15.Nd4 Rfc8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Rc1 Rc7 7) 5.Bg5 h6 - Introduction-Qb3]
[14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Kf8 *(16...Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Ra5 20.Bd3 Ra2+ 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Rc5 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb4 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ke7 27.Rd4 g5 28.h3 Ra5 29.Kc2 Rc5 30.Kd2 Ra5 31.c4* ½-½ (38) Ghazarian,K (2475)-Blohberger,F (2501) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (4)*)* 17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Bf5 Rc7 19.Rd4 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Bd3 Rxc5 22.Kd2 Rac8 23.Ra1 a6 24.Ra3 R5c6 25.b4 Ke7 26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Rb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 ½-½ (56) Le,Q (2739)-Wei Yi (2755) 7th Prague Masters 2025 (9)]
14...Re8 The position is equal. **15.f4 Be6 16.Rb1 Ne4 17.Rxb7 Nxc5 18.Rb5 Rac8 19.Ra5 Ne4 20.Bb5** -0.59/22
[20.Be2= -0.23/22]
20...Re7!∓ 21.0-0

(Diagram)



aiming for f5. **21...Rxc3 22.a4** -0.95/23
[22.Bd3∓ -0.52/20 should be considered.]
22...Rec7 -1.35/19
[22...Rxe3?! 23.Nc6 Rb7 24.f5∓]
[⌓22...g6 -0.95/23]
23.Nc6 Nd2
[23...Rxe3 24.Rf3 Rxf3 *(24...Re1+ 25.Rf1=)* 25.gxf3=]
24.Rd1

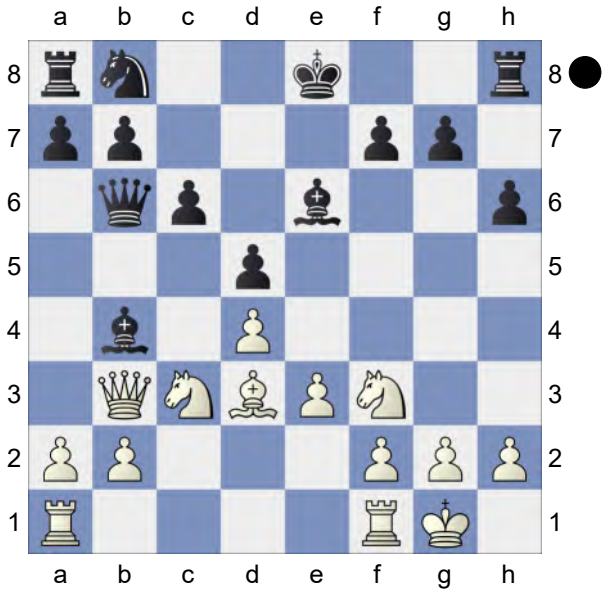


Nb3 25.Rxa7
[25.Ra6? Bc8 *(25...Rxe3 26.Rxa7 Rxa7 27.Nxa7=)* 26.Rxa7 R3xc6 *(26...R7xc6 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.a5=)* 27.Bxc6 Rxa7-+]
25...R3xc6
[25...R7xc6 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Ra8+ Kh7 28.a5]
26.Ra8+ Kh7 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.a5 Rc2 29.a6 Ra2 30.a7 Nc5 31.h3 Ne4 32.f5 Bxf5 Black is more active.
33.Rc1? -6.63/26
[33.Rxd5∓ -0.81/20 Ng3 34.Rad8 Decoy]
33...h5 34.h4 Nf6 35.Rf1 Bd3 36.Rc1 Be4 37.Rb8 Rxa7
[Worse is 37...Rxg2+ 38.Kf1 d4 *(38...Ra2 39.a8Q±)* 39.a8Q Bxa8 40.Rxa8∓]
38.Rb2 Ng4 39.Re1 Ra3 40.Rbe2 Kg6 41.Kh1 Kh6 42.Kg1 Kg6? 0.01/19
[42...f5-+ -13.07/22 43.Kh1 Rb3]
43.Kh1!= f6 44.Kg1 Kh6 45.Kh1 g5 46.hxg5+ Kxg5 47.Kg1 Kh4 48.Rc1 Kg3 49.Rb2 f5 50.Re1 Nxe3 51.Rb7 Ng4 52.Rb2 d4 White must now prevent ...h4. **53.Rbe2 h4** -27.36/23
[⌓53...Re3 -#18/22 54.Rxe3+ Nxe3 *(54...dxe3? 55.Kf1-+)* 55.Ra1 d3 *(55...Bxg2? 56.Ra3-+; 55...Nxg2? 56.Ra7-+)* 56.Ra7 d2 *(56...Nxg2? 57.Rg7+ Kf4 58.Kf2-+)* 57.Rg7+ Kf4 58.Kf2 d1Q *(58...d1B 59.g3+ Ke5 60.Kxe3∓)* 59.g3+ Ke5 60.Re7+ Kd4 61.Rd7+ Nd5 62.Rxd5+ Bxd5 63.g4 Qd2+ *(63...Qxg4?* leads to mate. *64.Ke1 Ke3 65.Kf1 Qd1#)* 64.Kf1 hxg4 65.Kg1 Qg2#]
54.Rd2-+ Rc3 (-> ...d3) **55.Ra1 d3** (-> ...Ne3) **56.Rb2 Nh2 57.Rd2 Rc2 58.Rad1 Bxg2 59.Rxd3+ Nf3+ 60.Rxf3+ Bxf3 61.Re1 Rh2 62.Kf1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.36

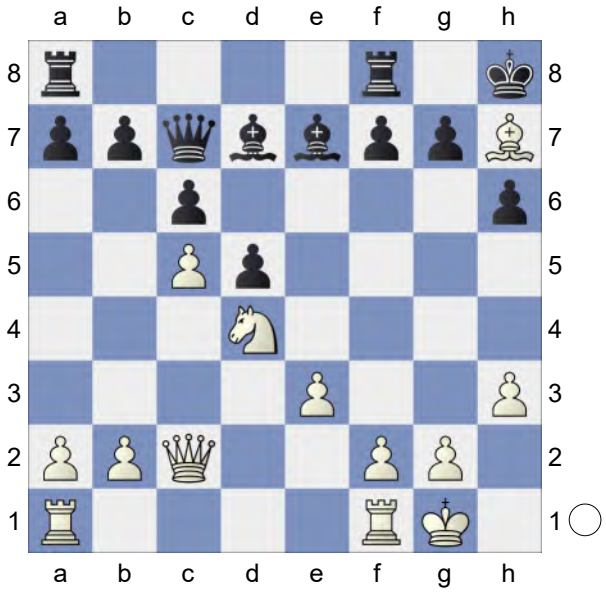
62...Rh1#
0-1

27 **D38**
□ **bot64jaques** **2476**
■ **ArasanX** **3108**
Rapid 16.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.e3 c6 10.Bd3 Be6 11.0-0



and Na4 would now be decisive. The position is equal. **11...Bd6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Na4N**
[13.Rab1 Qd8 14.b4 0-0 15.Na4 Bg4 16.Be2 Qe7 17.a3 Nb6 18.Nb2 a5 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.Qb3 Bc7 21.a4 Qd6 22.g3 Qf6 23.Kg2 g5 24.Qd1 Qf5 25.Ng1 Bxe2 26.Nxe2 Qe4+ 27.Kg1 f5 ½-½ (56) Lechtynsky,J (2312)-Flajsman,P (2187) Nepomuk 3rd 2023 (4) 28.Nc3 Qe7 29.Nd3 Ra7 30.Nc5 Nc4 31.Rxb7 Rxb7 32.Nxb7 Bxg3 33.hxg3 Qxb7 34.Qd3 Kg7 35.Rb1 Qc7 36.Rb3 f4 37.e4 fxg3 38.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 39.fxg3 Na5 40.Rb6 Rf3 41.Ne2 dxe4 42.Ra6 Nc4 ½-½ (56) Litko (2312)-Geisensetter,F (2187) HUN-ch_96936 1999 (4)]
13...Qc7 14.h3 0-0 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Be7 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Bh7+ Kh8

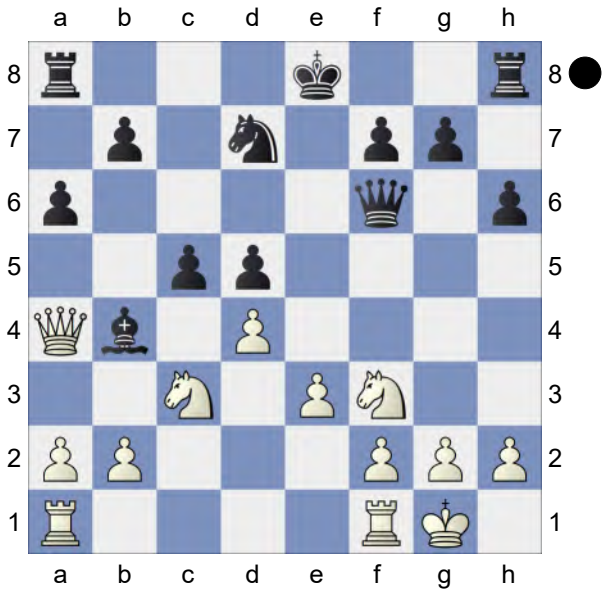


19.Bf5 Bf6 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.Rfd1 g6 22.a4 Kg7 23.a5 a6 24.Ra4 Rae8 25.Rb4 Bd8 26.Qb3 Re7 27.Ra1 f5 28.Ne2 -0.81/19
[28.Ra3∓ -0.43/20 is superior.]
28...Kg8∓ 29.Nf4 Rg7 30.Qc2 Re8 31.Qd2 h5 32.Qc2 Re4 33.Qb3 h4 34.Qc3 -1.51/20
[⌓34.Nd3 -0.93/22]
34...g5 35.Nd3 Qe7 Inhibits Ne5.
36.Rxe4 dxe4 37.Nc1 -1.89/22
[37.Ne5∓ -1.14/21]
37...g4-+ 38.hxg4 Bc7
[38...fxg4 39.Ne2=]
[38...Rxg4 39.Ne2∓]
39.gxf5? -4.86/23
[39.Qc4+ -1.84/21 is a better chance. Kh7 40.Ra4 *(40.gxf5 Qe5∓)*]

39...h3 40.f6 -16.00/27
[⌓40.Qc4+ -4.97/24 Kh8 41.g3]
40...Rxg2+ 41.Kf1 Qd7 42.Ne2 Qf5 43.Qc4+ Kf8 44.Ke1 Qxf6 (-> ...h2) **45.Kd1 Qxf2 46.Kd2 h2** And now ... Bxa5+! would win. **47.Rh1 Bxa5+ 48.Kc2 Qxe2+ 49.Qxe2 Rxe2+** Endgame KRB-KR **50.Kb3 Bc7 51.Rd1 Rxe3+ 52.Kb4 Re2 53.Ka3 e3** -33.82/20
[⌓53...Rf2 -#16/24 54.Rc1 e3 55.Rd1 e2 56.Rc1 Rf1 57.Rc2 h1Q *(57...e1Q* leads to mate. *58.Rc4 h1Q 59.Rc1 Qa5+ 60.Kb3 Qd5+ 61.Rc4 Qb5+ 62.Kc3 Qbxc4#)* 58.Rxe2 Qf3+ 59.Kb4 a5+ *(59...Qxe2 60.Ka3 Ra1+ 61.Kb3 Qd3+ 62.Kb4 Ba5#)* 60.Kc4 Qd5+ *(60...Qxe2+ 61.Kb3 Qe6+ 62.Kc2 Qc4+ 63.Kd2 Bf4#)* 61.Kc3 Be5+ 62.Kc2 Qd1#]
54.b4 Rf2 Black mates. **55.Re1 e2 56.Kb3 Be5 57.Ka4 Rf1 58.b5 Rxe1 59.Ka5 Bc7+ 60.Kb4 Rb1+ 61.Kc4 h1Q 62.b6 Qe4+ 63.Kc3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
63...e1Q#
0-1

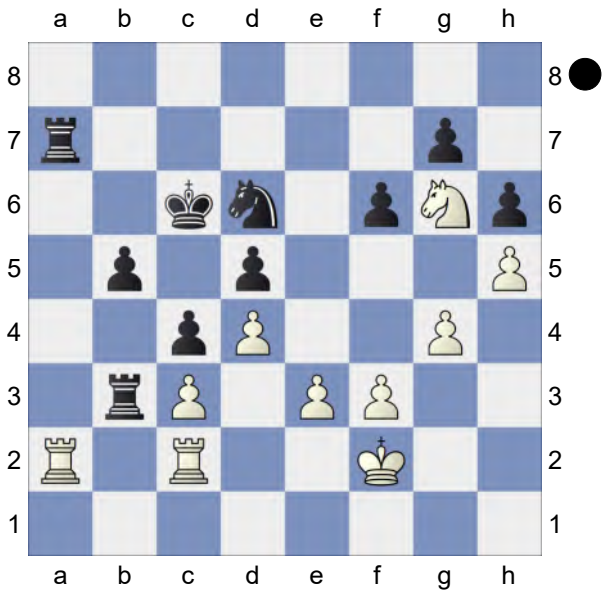
28 **D38**
□ **bot64jaques** **2560**
■ **ArasanX** **3085**
Rapid 22.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Qa4
[10.0-0 Bxc3 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Qb3 Qc6 14.Rfb1 Rab8 15.a4 Rfc8 16.h3 Nf6 17.a5 Ne4 18.c4 cxd4 19.cxd5 Qg6 20.Rc1 Rc3 21.Rxc3 dxc3 22.Qc4 Re8 23.Rd1 Qf6 24.Rc1 Qf5 ½-½ (57) Persse,D (2728)-Deslandes, P (2764) Regina Helena Marques 9th 2012 (1.4)]
10...a6
[10...Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qc6 12.Qxc6+ bxc6 13.Rc1 Nd7 14.Ke2 c4 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 Bd6 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Ne1 Ke7 19.Nd3 Rc7 20.Rc3 Rhc8 21.Rhc1 h5 22.h4 g6 23.Ra1 Rb8 24.Rac1 Rbc8 25.b4 1-0 (70) Kuzubov,Y (2625)-Caruana,F (2786) Al Cup Div 2 L rapid 2023 (5.1)]
11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 The position is equal.
12.0-0N
[12.Ne5 Qd6 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Qb3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 c4 D 38/26 2003]



12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Qb3 c4 15.Qb4 Nb6 16.Ne5 -0.48/22
[16.a4= -0.01/22 Qe7 *(16...bxa4? 17.Rfb1+-; 16...Nxa4 17.Ne5±)* 17.axb5 Qxb4 Remove Defender 18.cxb4 axb5 19.Rxa8+ Nxa8

20.Ra1]
16...Na4 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.a3 Qxb4 19.axb4 Rg8 20.h4 Ke7 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Ng6+ Kd6 23.Rc2 a5 24.Rb1 axb4 25.Rxb4 Rgb8 26.h5 Rb7 27.f3 Kc6 28.Kf2 Nb6 ...Ra1 is the strong threat. **29.Rcb2! Nc8 30.Nf4**
[30.e4 dxe4 31.fxe4 Ra3=]
30...Nd6 31.Rc2 -0.64/25
[31.Rb1= -0.18/24 feels stronger.]
31...Ra1∓ 32.Rbb2 Rba7 Inhibits Ra2. **33.Ng6! R1a6 34.g4 Ra1 35.Kg3 R1a3** Loses the game. **36.Kf2?** -3.68/23
[36.Rc1∓ -0.78/22]
36...Rb3-+ 37.Ra2 -5.73/25
[37.Kg2 -3.76/18 was called for. b4 38.cxb4]

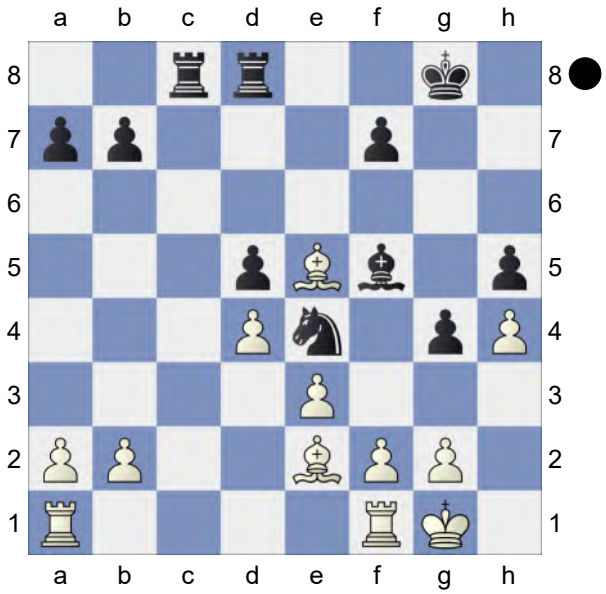


37...Rxc3!! Deflection **38.Ne7+ Rxe7 39.Rxc3** Endgame KRR-KRN **39...b4 40.Rc1 Kb5** Prevents Ra6 **41.Rca1** Strongly threatening Ra5+. **41...b3 42.Ra5+ Kb4 43.Rxd5 Nb5**
[And not 43...b2 44.Rb1 Kb3 45.Rxd6=]
44.Rc5 b2 45.Rb1 c3 46.e4 Rc7 47.Rxc3 Kxc3 KRN-KR **48.d5 Kc2 49.Re1 b1Q 50.Rxb1 Kxb1 51.Ke2 Kc2** (-> ...Nd6) **52.f4 Re7** -16.29/29
[⌓52...Nc3+ -#21/27 53.Kf3 Rc4 54.d6 Rxe4 *(54...Nxe4? 55.d7-+; 54...Rd4? 55.e5-+)* 55.Kg3 Ne2+ *(55...Re3+? 56.Kh2-+)* 56.Kh2 Rxf4 *(56...Nxf4? 57.Kg3-+; 56...Rd4 57.g5 Rxd6 58.gxh6 gxh6 59.Kg2 Rd3 60.Kh2 Kd1 61.Kg2 Rg3+ 62.Kh1 Ke1 63.f5 Kf2 64.Kh2 Kf3 65.Kh1 Rh3#)* 57.Kg2 Rd4 *(57...Rxg4+? 58.Kf3-+)* 58.Kf3 Kd3 59.d7 Rxd7 60.Kf2 Rd4 61.Kf3 Rf4+ 62.Kg2 Ke3 *(62...Rxg4+ 63.Kh3 f5 64.Kh2 Ke3 65.Kh1 Kf2 66.Kh2 Rh4#)* 63.Kh3 Kf3 64.Kh2 f5 *(64...Rxg4? 65.Kh3 f5 66.Kh2 Rh4#)* 65.Kh1 Rxg4 66.Kh2 Rh4#]
53.Kf3 Kd3 54.e5 fxe5 55.fxe5 Rxe5 56.d6 Nxd6 57.g5 Rxg5 58.Kf4 Nb5 -8.94/5
[⌓58...Ne4 -#7/16 59.Kf3 Rxh5 60.Kg4 g6 61.Kf3 Rh2 *(61...Rg5* leads to mate. *62.Kf4 Rf5+ 63.Kg4 Rf2 64.Kh4 h5 65.Kh3 Re2 66.Kh4 Rh2#)* 62.Kf4 Kd4 63.Kf3 h5 64.Kf4 Rf2#]
59.Kf3 Nd4+ 60.Kf4 Ne2+ 61.Kf3 Rg3+ 62.Kf2 Kd2 Black mates. **63.Kf1 Ke3 64.Ke1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.29 (precise)
64...Rg1#
0-1

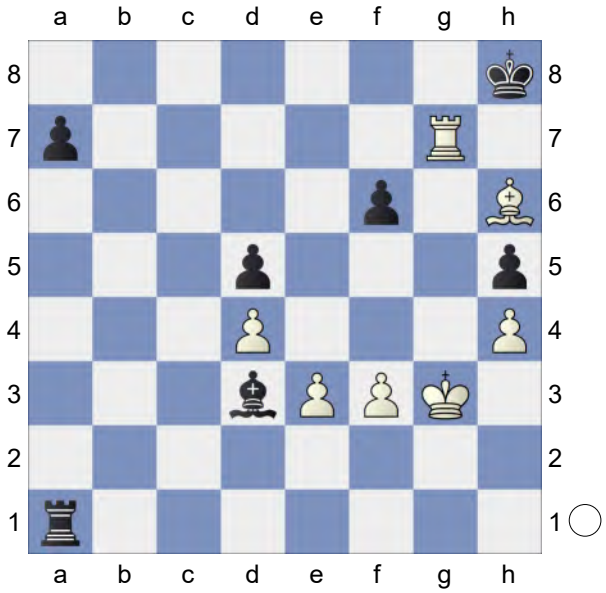
29 **D38**
□ **Sarana,A** **2661**
■ **Yilmaz,M** **2591**
25th European Teams (7.4) 12.10.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ The position is equal. **10.Qxc3 g5 11.Bg3 Ne4! 12.Qxc7 Nc6 13.Qxd8**
[13.Qxb7? Qa5+ 14.Kd1 Bg4-+]
13...Rfxd8 14.Be2 Rac8 15.0-0! h5 16.h4 g4 17.Ne5 Nxe5N
[17...Nb4 18.Bf4 f6 19.Nd3 Nc3 20.bxc3 ½-½ Ding,L (2774)-Aronian,L (2801) Palma de Mallorca FIDE GP 2017 (5)]
18.Bxe5



f6!
[18...Rc2 19.Bd3 Rxb2 20.Rfc1±]
19.Bf4 Rc2 20.Bd3 Rxb2 21.Rfb1 Rxb1+ 22.Rxb1
[22.Bxb1 Rc8 23.Bd3 Rc3 24.Bxe4 Bxe4∓]
22...Rc8 23.Bxe4
[23.Rxb7 g3 24.fxg3 *(24.Bxg3? Nxg3 25.Ba6 Rc1+ 26.Kh2 Ne4-+)* 24...Rc1+ 25.Kh2 Nf2 26.Rb8+ *(26.Bxf5? Rh1#)* 26...Bc8-+]
23...Bxe4 24.Rxb7= Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **24...Rc1+ 25.Kh2 Rc2 26.Kg3**
[But not 26.Rxa7 Rxf2 27.Kg1 *(27.Ra8+? Kf7∓)* 27...Rxg2+ 28.Kf1 Rb2∓]
26...Rxa2 27.Bh6 Ra1 28.f3 gxf3 29.gxf3 Bd3 30.Rg7+ Kh8

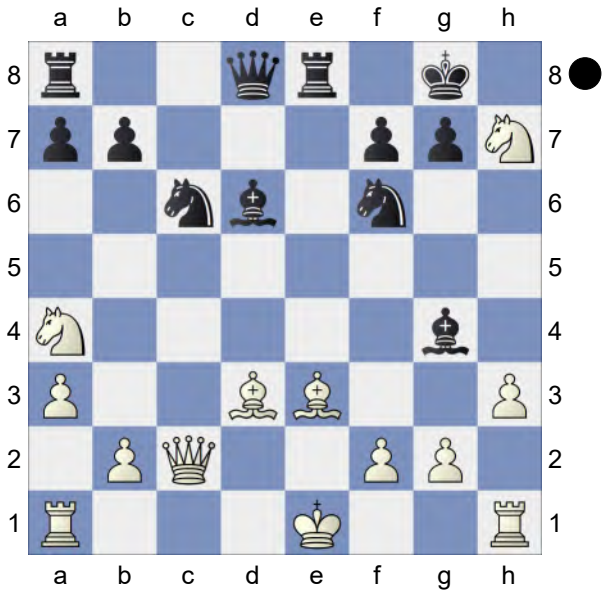


and ...Rg1+ should not be overlooked
31.Rd7! A mistake that costs the game.
31...Kg8? 3.97/23
[31...Rg1+± 1.16/22 32.Kf2 Rf1+ 33.Kg2 a6]
32.Rxd5+- a5 33.Rd7
[Inferior is 33.Rxh5 a4 34.e4 a3=]
33...a4 34.Rg7+ Kh8? 5.34/24
[34...Kf8 2.87/24 35.Kf4 Ke8]
35.Ra7 White is clearly winning.
35...Kg8 36.d5 a3 37.Kf4 Be2 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rg2 Bf1 40.Rg1 4.39/21
[⌓40.Bg7+ 8.79/26 Kh7 41.Rg1 *(41.Bxf6 Bxg2 42.Bxa1 Kg8+-)*]
40...Kh7 8.75/26
[⌓40...Rd1 4.39/21 41.Bg7+ Kg8]
41.Bg7 Rd1 42.Bxf6 a2 43.e4 Kh6 44.Bg7+ Kh7 45.Be5 Be2 46.Rxd1 Bxd1 KB-KB. White is two pawns up.
47.Ke3 Kg6 48.f4 Kf7 49.f5 15.88/28
[⌓49.Ba1 32.24/33 Bg4 50.f5]
49...Bc2 50.Bb2 Threatens to win with Ba1. **50...Ke7 51.Kf4 Kd6 52.f6 Bb3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.64
53.e5+
1-0

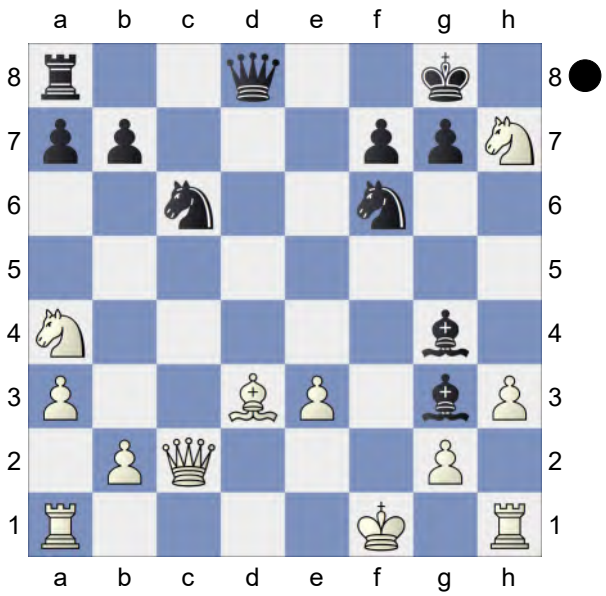
30 **D38**
□ **bot64jaques** **2510**
■ **ArasanX** **3085**
Rapid 29.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0 6.e3
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.e3 Nc6 9.dxc5 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bxc5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rfd1 Qa5 13.a3 a6 14.b4 Qh5 15.Bg3 Bd7 16.Be2 Rfd8 17.Ne5 Qf5 18.Bd3 Qh5 19.Be2 Qf5 20.Bd3 Qh5 ½-½ Sroc Sroczynski,M (2247)-Kosakowski,J (2511) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late blitz 2025 (3)]
6...c5 7.dxc5
[7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.cxd5 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Qxd5 13.c4 Qd6 14.Bb2 e5 15.Qc3 exd4 16.exd4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Rac8 20.Rac1 Ne4 21.Rc2 Rfd8 ½-½ (63) Vasersky,K (2304)-Hyldkrog,L (2535) corr Ljubomirov mem 1993]
7...Bxc5N
[7...Nc6 8.Be2 Bxc5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.a3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bd7 12.b4 Bb6 13.Bb2 Rac8 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 f5 16.Qd3 Kh8 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Qb3 e5 19.Bd5 Bc7 20.b5 e4 21.Nd4 Na5 22.Qb4 ½-½ (54) Yudovich,M-Ragozin,V URS-ch10 Tbilisi 1937]
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.a3 -0.91/20
[10.0-0= -0.19/18]
10...Bg4∓ 11.Ng5 d4 12.Na4 -1.92/20
[12.h3∓ -0.44/20 Bh5 13.Na4 Qa5+ 14.Bd2]
12...Bd6-+ 13.Nxh7? -3.74/22
[13.Bxh7+ -1.90/19 is a better defense. Kh8 14.0-0]
13...Re8 14.h3 dxe3 Deflection **15.Bxe3**
[Inferior is 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Bxe3 Nd4 17.Bh7+ Kh8-+]



15...Rxe3+! 16.fxe3 Bg3+ 17.Kf1

(Diagram)



Nd5! **18.Qd2** **Be6** This pair of bishops is nice. **19.Be4?** -6.35/23

[19.Nc5 -3.38/19 Ne5 20.Nxe6 *(20.Nxb7? too greedy. Qb6-+)* 20...fxe6 21.Rc1]

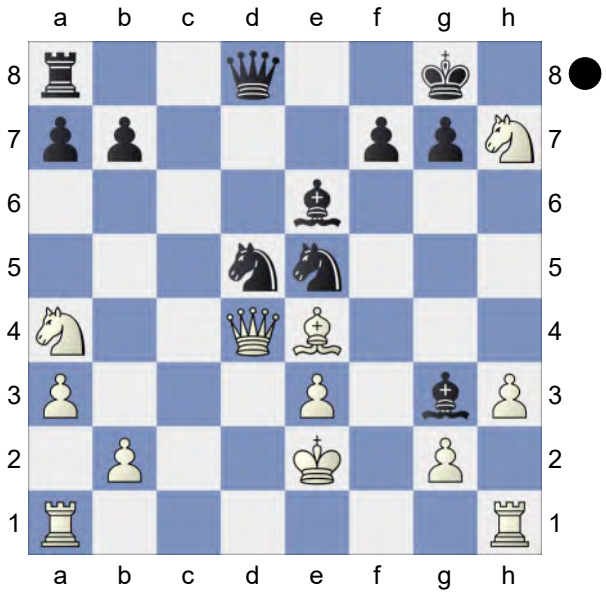
19...Na5 Strongly threatening ...Nc4.

20.Ke2 **Nc4** **21.Qd3** **Ne5**

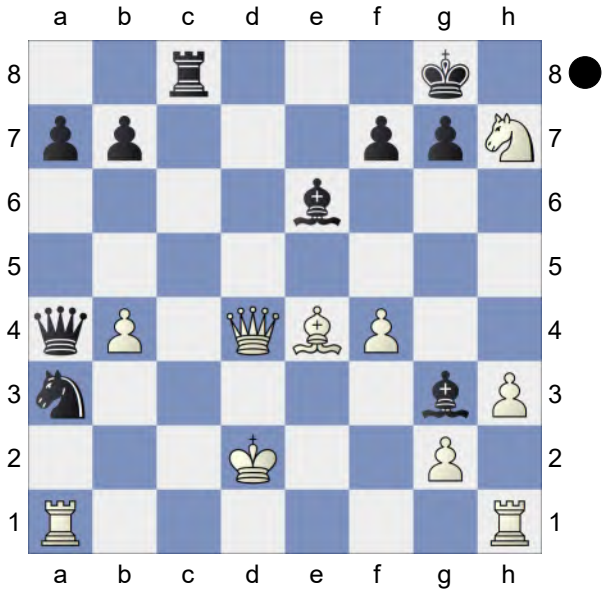
[21...Ndxe3 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.b3=]

[21...Ncxe3? 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Qxe3-+]

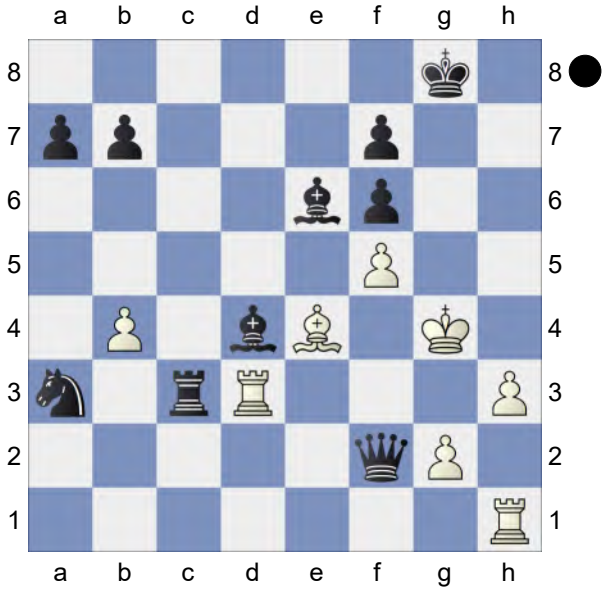
22.Qd4



Nf4+! Deflection **23.Kd2** **Nc4+** **24.Kc2** **Qa5** **25.exf4** **Qxa4+** **26.Kc3** **Rc8** (-> ...Ne5+) **27.b4** **Nxa3+** **28.Kd2**



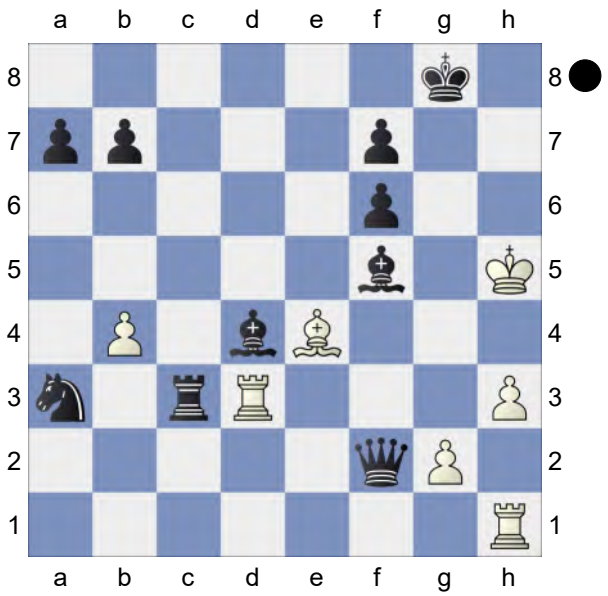
Rc2+! **29.Ke3** **Bf2+** Skewer, Deflection **30.Kf3** **Bxd4** **31.Rad1** **Rc3+** **32.Rd3** **Qc2** **33.Nf6+** **gxf6** **34.f5** **Qf2+** **35.Kg4**



Bxf5+! Black mates. **36.Kh5**

[36.Bxf5 Qxg2+]

(Diagram)

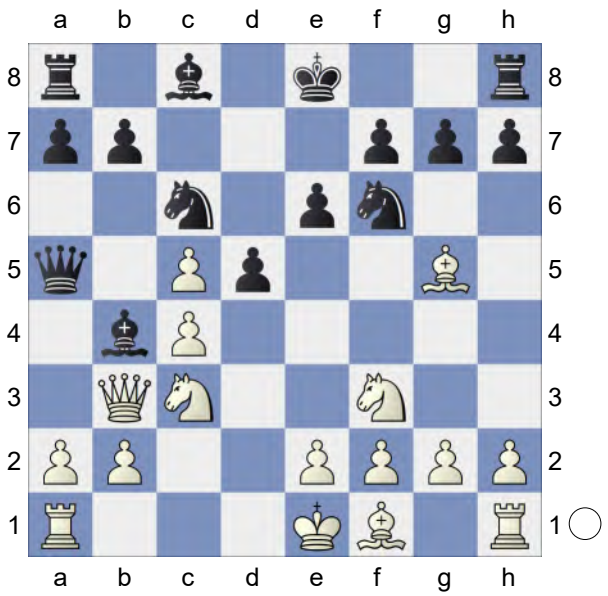


36...Qf4! 37.Rg3+ Qxg3 38.Bxf5 White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.04 (flawless) **38...Qg5#**
0-1

31 **D38**
□ **So,Wesley** **2751**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
USA-ch Saint Louis (8) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Rapport won a nice attacking game in his usual creative style. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6!** 6...Nc6 scores better than 6...Na6. 6...Sc6 punktet besser als 6...Sa6. **7.Bg5 Qa5**

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...d4. **8.Bxf6 dxc4** White is slightly better. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1! Qxc5 11.Qh4 Bxc3+N** 0.67/22
[Black should try 11...Ke7= 0.14/21 12.g3 *(12.e3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Qb6 14.Nd2 Qxb2 15.Ne4 Qb1+ 16.Ke2 Qb2+* #7 12) 5th Move Alternatives-5. Qb3 c5 6.dxc5*)* 12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 *(13.Rxc3 Qb4 14.Qxb4+ Nxb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.Bg2 Rac8 18.0-0 Nb6 19.Nd4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Nb5 a5 23.b3 Bd7 24.Nc3 Bc8 25.Nb5 Bd7 26.Nc3 Bc8 27.Kf1 Nd7* ½-½ Xie,K (2278)-Xu,Z (2510) CHN-chT DivA Fuling 2023 (7.5)*)* 13...b6 14.Bg2 Ba6 *(14...Bb7 15.0-0 h5 16.Nd4 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.Rfd1 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qg5 20.d5 Qxh4 21.d6+ Ke8 22.dxc7 Qc4 23.Rbc1 Qxc1 24.Rxc1 Bc8 25.Rd1 Ke7 26.h4 e5 27.Bf3 Be6 28.Rc1 Bc8 29.Rd1* ½-½ Radjabov,T (2793)-Leko, P (2744) Zug FIDE GP 2013 (4)*)* 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.Ne4 Qf5 17.g4 Qg6 18.f4 Nd4 19.Rd1 Nc2+ 20.Kf2 Rhd8 21.Bf3 h6 22.Ng3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc4 24.Nh5 Bb5 25.Qg3

Qg8 26.f5 e5 1-0 Rapport,R (2701)-Gajewski,G (2650) HUN-POL Friendly Match m 2014 Budapest HUN (2.3)]

12.Rxc3± Qb4 13.Qxb4 0.09/19

[13.Qxf6± 0.67/21 Rg8 14.Ng5]

13...Nxb4= 14.a3 Nd5 15.Rc2 Bd7! 16.e4N

[16.e3 Ke7 17.Bc4 Nb6 18.Bb3 Rac8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Kd2 Rg8 21.Rg1 Bc6 22.Ne1 0-1 Petrovic,A (2230)-Lashkin,J (2399) Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Jul Early blitz 2022 (1)]

16...Nb6 17.Bd3 Ke7 0.63/20

[17...0-0= 0.12/19]

18.Ke2± Rac8 19.Rhc1 e5 20.Nd2 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **23.Ke3 Be6 24.f4 exf4+ 25.Kxf4 Nd7 26.Nf3 Kd6 27.Bb5 Nf8 28.e5+** 0.14/23

[28.b4± 0.50/23]

28...fxe5+= 29.Nxe5 f6 30.Nf3 Ng6+ 31.Ke3 Ne5 32.Nd2 Bd5 33.g3 h6 34.b4 0.01/25

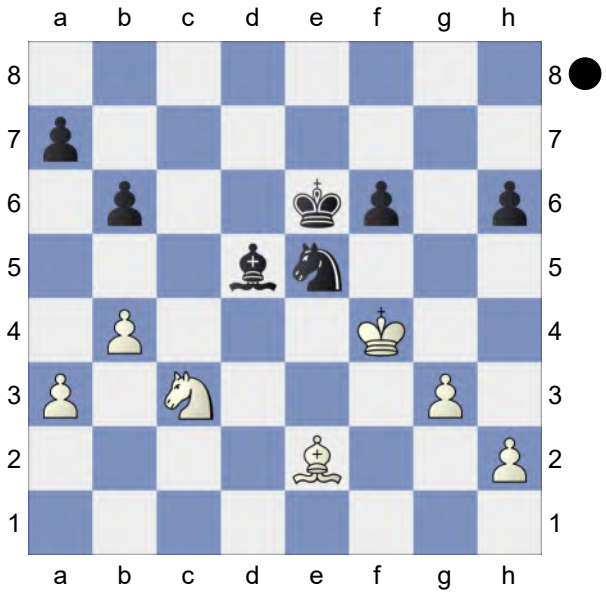
[34.Ne4+± 0.38/22 deserves consideration. Ke7 35.Nd2]

34...b6 35.Be2 Ke6 36.Kf4 Ke7 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Kf4 Ke7 39.Kf5 Be6+ 40.Ke4 Kd6 41.Kf4 Bd5 42.Ne4+

[42.Kf5!? Ke7□ 43.h4=]

42...Ke6 43.Nc3

(Diagram)



Nxd5 is the strong threat. **43...Bc4 44.Bd1 f5 45.Ke3 Ba6 46.a4 Bf1 47.h4 Nc6 48.b5 Ne5 49.Kd4 a6 50.Nd5 axb5 51.axb5 Kd6! 52.Ne3 Bd3 53.Bh5 Be4 54.Be2** White wants to play g4. **54...Bb1** 0.76/28

[54...Ke6= 0.07/30 keeps the balance.]

55.Nd5 0.03/23 **Nd7 56.Bf1 Be4 57.Ne3** Bh3 would now be deadly. **57...Ne5! 58.Be2 Bb1 59.h5±** 0.76/28 **Nd7 60.Nc4+** 0.28/25

[60.g4± 0.84/27]

60...Ke7 61.Bf3 0.00/28

[61.Ke3!± 0.38/26]

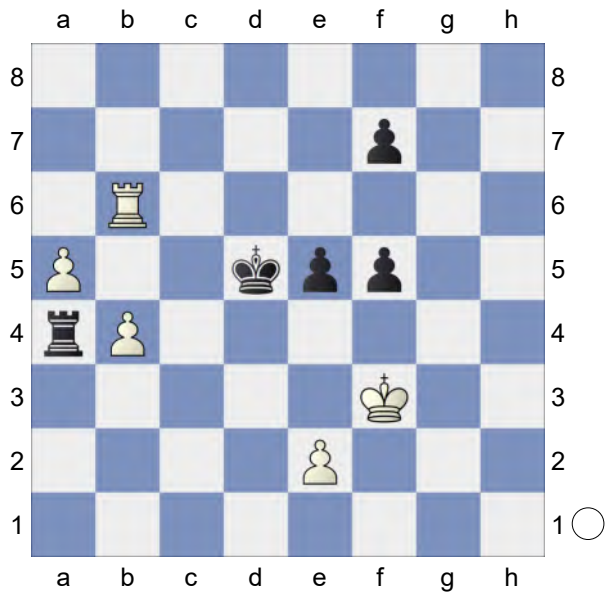
61...Ba2! The position is equal. **62.Ne3 Be6 63.Bd5 Nc5 64.Nc4 Nd7 65.Ne5** aiming for Bxe6. **65...Nxe5 66.Kxe5** KB-KB **66...Bd7 67.Bc6** And now Bxd7 would win. **67...Be6 68.Bd5 Bd7 69.Bc4 Be8 70.Be2 Bd7 71.Bf1 Be6 72.Be2 Bd7 73.Bf1 Be6 74.Be2 Bd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

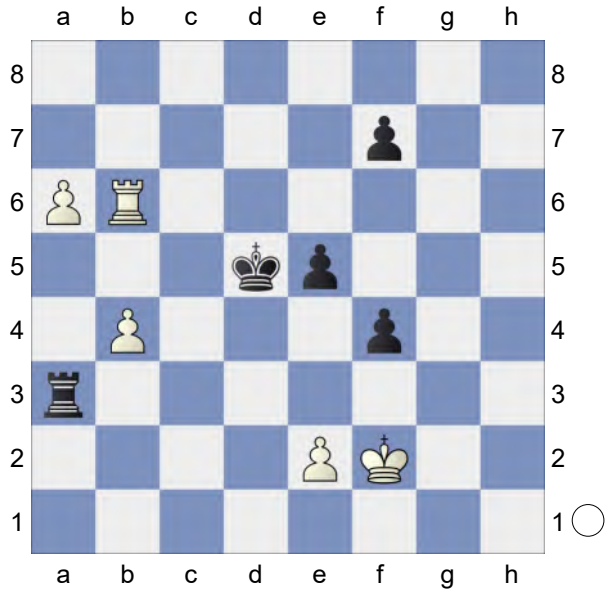
32 **D38**
□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2794**
39th ECC Open 2024 (4.1) 23.10.2024
[TA]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6** Hoping for ...d4. 6...Nc6 scores better than 6...Na6. 6...Sc6 punktet besser als 6...Sa6. **7.Bg5 Qa5!** ...d4 is the strong threat. **8.Bxf6 dxc4** The position is equal. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1 Qxc5 11.Qh4 Ke7 12.g3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Qb4 14.Qxb4+**
[14.Bg2 is interesting. Qxb2 15.Qc4 Qb1+ 16.Rc1]
14...Nxb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1↑ White is more active. **16...e5N** 0.36/26
[16...Bd7 17.Bg2 Rac8 18.0-0 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8 Bxc8 21.Nd2 Nb6 22.b3 f5 ½-½ Moranda,W (2618)-Donchenko,A (2659) EU-Cup Online Final rapid 2021 (7.2)]
[16...Nb6= 0.01/26]
17.Bg2 Be6 18.Nh4 Rac8 19.0-0 Rhd8 20.Be4! h6 21.Nf5+ Kf8N 22.Rxc8!
[22.Nxh6 Ne7=]
22...Rxc8 23.Nxh6 Nb6 1.60/26
[⌓23...b5 0.74/25]
24.f4 0.64/24
[24.Bxb7?! Rc2±]
[White should try 24.Rd1± 1.60/26]
24...Nc4 1.20/28
[24...exf4± 0.64/24 25.Rxf4 *(25.Bxb7 Rb8=)* 25...Rc4]
25.f5!±
[25.Bxb7 Rb8 26.f5 Bd7±]
25...Bd7 26.Ng4 Against Ne3
[Resist 26.Bxb7 Rc7 27.Bf3 Ne3±]
26...Ke7 27.Bxb7 Rg8 28.h3 Nd6 29.Bd5 0.39/25
[29.Bg2± 1.08/24]
29...Bxf5 0.85/26
[29...Nxf5± 0.39/25 30.Kf2 Rc8]
30.Rc1! Black must now prevent Rc7+.
30...Bxg4 31.hxg4 Endgame KRB-KRN
31...Kd7 Against Rc7+ **32.Rc6** And now Ra6 would win. **32...Rxg4 33.Ra6!** Prevents Ra4. **33...Rxg3+ 34.Kf2 Rh3 35.Rxa7+ Kc8 36.a4** 0.68/24
[36.Ra6± 1.03/24 Kc7 37.Bxf7!]
36...Rh4± 37.Ra6 0.49/23 &Bianco is more active.
[Reject 37.Bxf7 Kb8 38.Rd7 Ne4+ 39.Kg2 Rg4+ 40.Kh2 Rh4+ 41.Kg2 Rg4+ 42.Kh2 Rh4+ 43.Kg2=]
[37.b3!± 0.80/24]
37...Kc7 1.23/25
[Black should play 37...Ne4+!± 0.49/23 38.Kg2 f5]
38.a5± Threatens to win with Rc6+.
38...Rd4 2.44/26
[38...f5± 1.16/23]
39.Rc6++- Kd7 40.Rc5 Ne4+? 4.66/26
[40...Nc8 2.01/23 41.b3 *(41.Bxf7 Rh4±)* 41...Rh4 42.Bxf7 Na7]
41.Bxe4 Rxe4 KR-KR **42.Rb5** Inhibits Rb4. **42...Ra4 43.Kf3?** 0.73/29
[43.b3+- 4.60/29 has better winning chances. Ra3 44.b4]
43...Ke6? 5.65/29
[43...Kc6± 0.73/29 44.Rb6+ Kc7]
44.Rb6+ White is clearly winning.
44...Kd5 45.b4 f5

(Diagram)



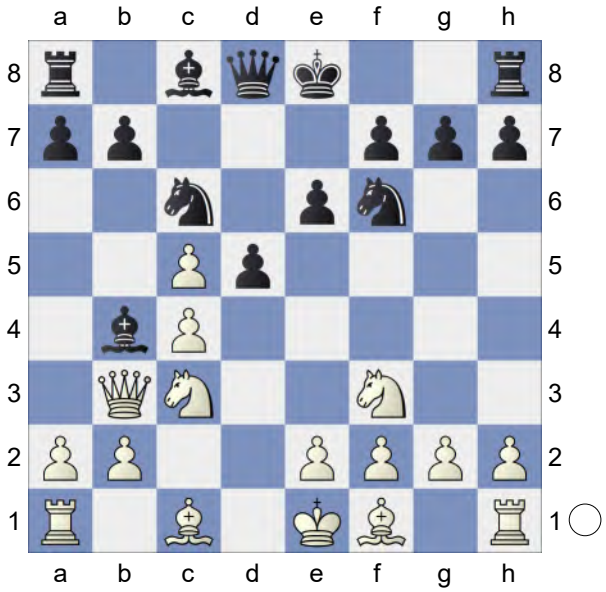
46.a6! Ra3+ 47.Kf2 f4



48.b5! f3 49.Rb7 fxe2 50.a7 f5 51.b6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

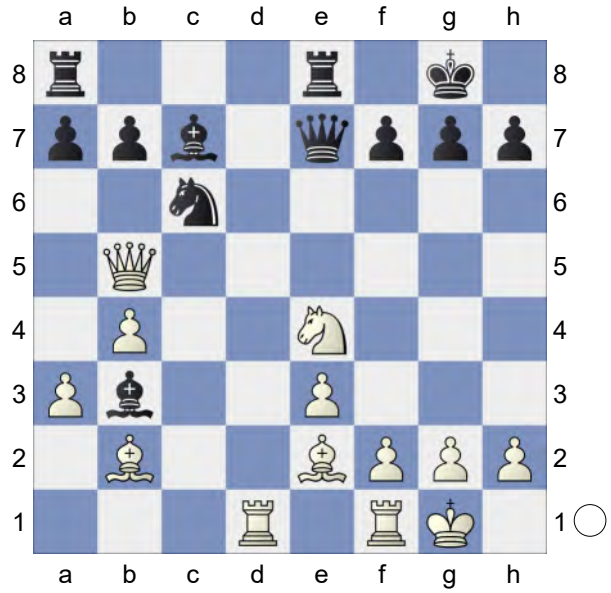
33 **D38**
□ **Artemiev,V** **2691**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2670**
2nd Al-Beruniy Match A (8.2) 20.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6



Strongly threatening ...d4. **7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 Bxc5** The position is equal. **9.0-0 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Qe7 11.a3N**
[11.e4 Nd7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh4 Kh8 14.Na4 Bd6 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.a3 e5 17.b4 Nf8 18.Nc3 Be6 19.Nd5 Qf7 20.Bg3 Ng6 21.Qa2 a5 22.b5 Nce7 23.Bc4 Rac8 24.h4 Bc5 25.Ne3 Nf8 0-1 (56) Narayanan,S (2651)-Aronian,L (2742) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (7)]
11...e5 12.b4 Bb6 13.Bb2 e4 14.Nd2 Re8 15.Rad1 Be6 16.Qb5 This costs Black the game. **16...Bc7** 2.02/25
[16...h6± 0.72/24]
17.Ncxe4+-
[17.Qxb7? Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qxb7-+]
[17.Ndxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 a5]

17...Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bb3 3.09/28
[18...a5 1.68/23 keeps fighting.]

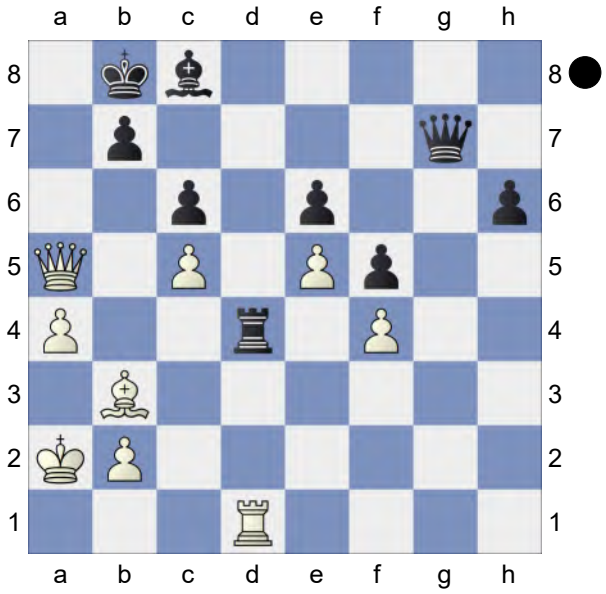


19.Rd7! Deflection **19...Bxh2+** 4.15/29
[Reject 19...Qxd7 20.Qg5 Re5 *(20...Rxe4 21.Qxg7#; 20...Be5? 21.Nf6+ Kh8 22.Nxd7+-)* 21.Nf6+ *(21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.b5 Re8∓)* 21...Kh8 22.Bxe5 *(22.Nxd7?* is the wrong capture. *Rxg5 23.Nc5 Be6-+)*]
[⌓19...Qxe4 2.92/27 20.Rxc7 Qc2]
20.Kxh2 Qxe4 21.Qg5
[21.Qxb7 Rab8 *(21...Bd5 22.Bf3+-* Skewer *)* 22.Qc7 Qc2∓]
[21.Rxb7 Bd5 22.f3 Qxe3 23.Qxd5 Qf4+ 24.Kg1 Rxe2=]
21...Ne5 22.Bxe5
[22.Bd3 Qc6 23.Bf5 *(23.Bxe5 Rxe5 24.Qxe5 Qxd7±)* 23...h6±]
22...Rxe5 23.Bf3 Rxg5 24.Bxe4 Rb8 25.Rxb7
[Not 25.Bxb7 a5±]
25...Rxb7 26.Bxb7 a5? 6.36/26
[26...Kf8 3.58/26 27.Rb1 Ba2]
27.Rb1 White is clearly winning.
27...Ba4 28.Rc1 White wants to mate with Rc8+. **28...Kf8 29.Rc8+ Ke7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.55
30.Ra8
1-0

34 **D38**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
SpeedChess Final 2024 (2.13) 08.09.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5**
[7...c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qd2 exd5 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Nxd5 Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Nxd2 Be6 16.Bf3 Nd5 17.Nb3 Bb6 18.Rfd1 Nb4 19.Be7 Nxa2 20.Nd4 Rfe8 21.Ba3 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 1-0 Sys,M (2192)-Schlenker,J (2089) Enghien les Bains 2003 (2)]
8.Bg3 Ne4 White is slightly better.
9.Nd2N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[9.Qc2 c6 10.Bd3 Qa5 11.Rc1 f5 12.0-0 Nxg3 13.hxg3 g4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17.Rxc3 h5 18.Rfc1 a5 19.f3 h4 20.gxh4 Rxh4 21.Nf1 gxf3 22.gxf3 Bd7 23.R3c2 Kf7 0-1 Rustemov,A (2525)-Predke,A (2684) Speed Chess Q1 blitz 2022 (8) 24.Rh2 Rg8+ 25.Kf2 Rxh2+ 26.Nxh2 Rh8 27.Nf1 Ke7 28.Kg2 f4 29.Re1 fxe3 30.Nxe3 Kd6 31.c5+ Kc7 32.Ng4 Rg8 33.Be2 e5 34.dxe5 Nxg4 35.fxg4 Bxg4 36.Bxg4 Rxg4+ 37.Kf3 Rc4 38.Rh1 Rxc5 0-1 14.♗c4 ♖c4 15. g4_20763 (2525)-Rosenstielke,M (2684) 61/550 Tilburg 1994 (8)]

9...Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.Qc2 Bf8N
[Vorgänger: 11...Nf6 12.Be2 Kf8 13.a3 Be7 14.f4 0.39/19 *(14.e4± 0.82/19)* 14...gxf4 1.15/18 *(14...g4± 0.39/19)* 15.gxf4± c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Qd3 b6 1.31/17 *(⌓17...Bd7 0.90/17)* 18.cxd5± exd5 0-1 Hjartarson,J (2468)-Gretarsson,H (2533) ISL-chT Kvika 2223 2022 (5. 3)]
12.f4 Bg7 13.0-0-0 Qe7 14.Kb1 Nf6 15.Be2 Bd7 16.e4 dxe4 17.Ndxe4 0-0-0 18.c5
[18.fxg5 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 hxg5=]
18...Kb8 19.Nxf6
[19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Rxh8 Bxh8=]
19...Bxf6 20.Ne4 Bc8 21.Qc3 Bg7 22.Rd2 Rhg8 23.Rhd1 White is more active. **23...Qc7 24.Qe3 Bf8 25.Bf3 f5 26.Nc3 Bg7** 0.70/19
[26...Be7= 0.30/21]
27.Bh5 -0.43/23
[27.fxg5 hxg5 28.g4 *(28.Qxg5 e5∓)* 28...Rh8∓]
[27.b4!± 0.70/19]
27...Bf6 -0.07/23
[27...g4∓ -0.43/23]
28.a3 -0.45/23
[28.Bf3= -0.07/23]
28...Rg7 29.Ne2 -0.62/18
[Better is 29.Bf3= -0.12/21]
29...gxf4 -0.08/23
[29...g4∓ -0.62/18]
30.gxf4 -0.49/20
[30.Nxf4= -0.08/23 Rdg8 31.Nxe6]
30...Rxg2∓ 31.Rh1 Qg7 32.Rdd1 -0.81/18
[32.Rd3∓ -0.41/20]
32...Qe7 -0.19/21
[32...Qh8∓ -0.81/18]
33.Bf3= Rg6 34.Nc1 -0.70/21
[34.a4= -0.21/21]
34...Qc7 -0.34/21
[Black should play 34...Qg7 -0.70/21 35.Ne2 Qc7]
35.Ka2 -0.72/21
[35.Ne2∓ -0.34/21 might be stronger.]
35...Bg7 -0.10/22
[35...Qg7∓ -0.72/21 36.Ne2 Qc7]
36.Bh5 Rf6 37.Nd3 Rff8 38.Ne5 Bxe5 39.dxe5 Rd5 40.Bf3 Rxd1 41.Bxd1 Rd8 42.Bb3 Qg7 43.Qf2 a5 44.a4 Rd3 45.Bc4 Rd8 46.Bb3 Qg6 47.Qe1 Rd4 48.Qxa5 Qg7 49.Rd1 -0.90/27
[49.Qc3= 0.00/24 keeps the balance. Rxf4 50.a5]

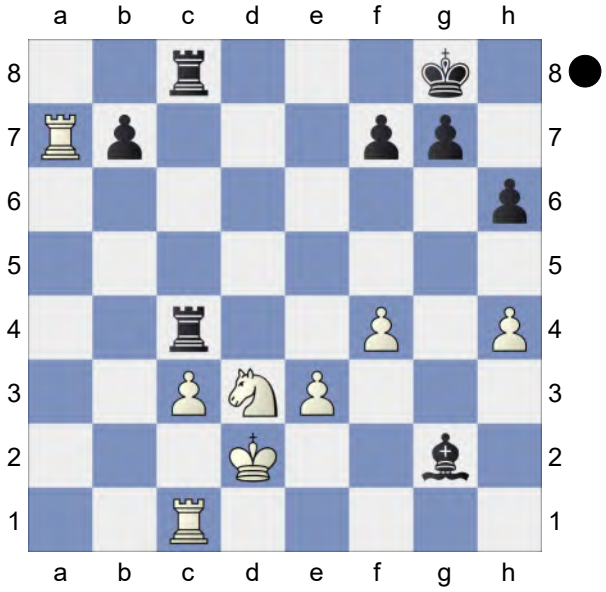


49...Rxf4 0.00/20
[49...Rxd1!∓ -0.90/27 50.Bxd1 Qd7]
50.Rd8 Qe7 2.36/22
[50...Qxe5= 0.00/20 51.Qd2 Kc7]
51.Qb6? 0.00/22
[White must play 51.Qd2+- 2.36/22 Qh4 52.Ka3 *(52.Bxe6 Rxa4+ 53.Kb3 Rb4+ 54.Kc3 Ka7±; 52.Qd6+ Ka7+-)*]
51...Re4? 2.89/20
[51...Qh4!= 0.00/22 and Black stays safe.]
52.a5+- Black must now prevent a6.

52...Qc7? 9.38/26
[52...Qh4 3.63/20]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.41 **53.Bxe6**
1-0

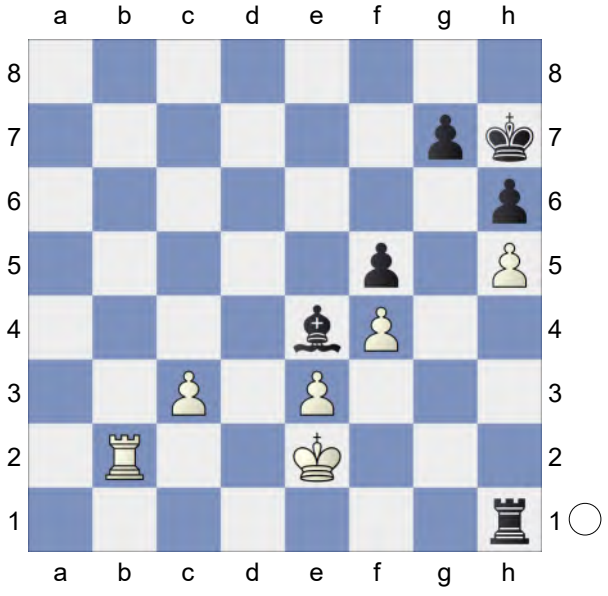
35 **D38**
□ **Pseudo-0** **2479**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3123**
Rapid 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Ne5N
[14.c4 Be6 15.Nd4 Rfc8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.Rc1 Rc7 7) 5.Bg5 h6 - Introduction-Qb3]
[14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Kf8 *(16...Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Ra5 20.Bd3 Ra2+ 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Rc5 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb4 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ke7 27.Rd4 g5 28.h3 Ra5 29.Kc2 Rc5 30.Kd2 Ra5 31.c4* ½-½ (38) Ghazarian,K (2475)-Blohberger,F (2501) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (4)) 17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Bf5 Rc7 19.Rd4 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Bd3 Rxc5 22.Kd2 Rac8 23.Ra1 a6 24.Ra3 R5c6 25.b4 Ke7 26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Rb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 ½-½ (56) Le,Q (2739)-Wei Yi (2755) 7th Prague Masters 2025 (9)]
14...Re8 The position is equal. **15.f4 Be6** Black has compensation. **16.Bd3 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.Rb4 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Rxc5 21.Kd2 Rec8 22.Rc1 Bxa2 23.Ra4 Bd5 24.Nd3** -0.83/26
[24.e4∓ -0.34/26 b5 25.Rd4]
24...Rc4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.h4 -1.53/22
[⌓26.Ra3 -0.80/23]



26...f6!∓ 27.Nf2 -1.82/22
[27.Ra3∓ -1.42/23]
27...Bc6-+ 28.Ra5 Kh7 29.Nd3 Bf3 30.Rf1 Be4 31.Nf2 Bf3 0.01/19
[31...Bc6-+ -1.90/24 Threatens to win with ...Rd8+. 32.Rfa1 Rd8+ 33.Kc2 b5]
32.Nd3!= Be4 0.01/22
[32...Bg2∓ -1.59/22 33.Rc1 Bf3]
33.Nf2 Rd8+ 34.Ke2 b6↑ Black is in control. **35.Ra3 Bg6 36.Rc1 Bh5+ 37.Ke1 f5 38.Rc2 b5 39.Rb2?** -4.05/22
[39.Rb3 -1.80/21]
39...Rc6-+ 40.Kf1
[Much weaker is 40.Rxb5 Rg6 41.Kf1 Rd2 42.Rxf5 Bf3-+]
40...Bf3 41.Rb1? -6.69/23
[41.h5 -3.99/22 Re6 *(41...Bxh5? 42.e4-+)* 42.Ra5]
41...Rd2 42.h5 Dodges Rg6 **42...Rc2 43.Rab3 Ra6 44.Rxb5 Raa2**

[44...Rxc3? 45.Rxf5 Rxe3 46.Re5 Rxe5 47.fxe5∓]
[44...Bxh5 45.R5b2 Rxc3 46.Rb3-+]
45.Nd1 Rd2 46.R1b2 Rxd1+ 47.Kf2 Rxb2+ 48.Rxb2 Endgame KRB-KR **48...Be4 49.Ke2 Rh1**

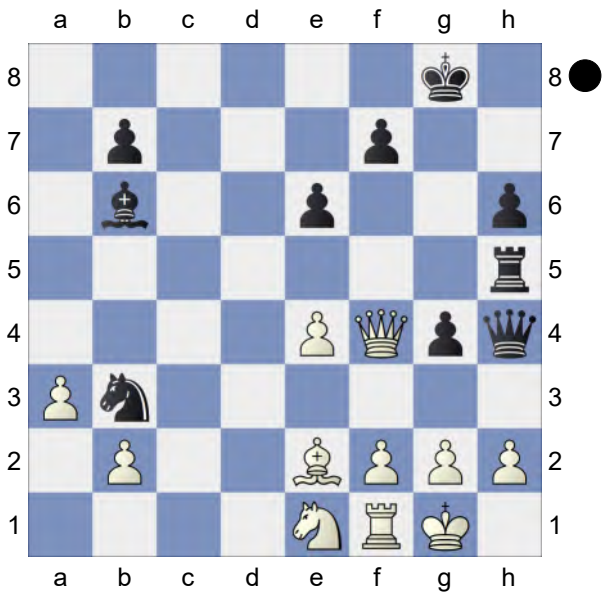


50.Rd2 Rxh5 (-> ...Rh2+) **51.Rd7 Rh2+ 52.Ke1 h5 53.Kf1 h4 54.Rd4 h3 55.Rxe4 fxe4** KR-K3P **56.f5 Rc2** (-> ...h2!) **57.Kg1 Kh6 58.f6 gxf6 59.c4 Kg5 60.Kh1 h2 61.c5 Kh4 62.c6 Kg3 63.c7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
63...Rc1#
0-1

36 **D39**
□ **Pseudo-0** **2481**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3120**
Rapid 02.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0 Strongly threatening Nb5. **9...cxd4! 10.Nb5 Qe7** Repels Nc7+ **11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...0-0 12.Nxa7 Bc5** Black is weak on the light squares **13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.Qd3 Nc6 15.Rad1N**
[15.Qe2 Nd4 *(15...Rd8 16.Rac1 g5 17.h3 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Rxd4)* 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bb3 Rc5 18.g3 Rac8 19.Kg2 Kh8 20.Rad1 e5 21.h4 Qd7 22.Rd3 Rc1 23.Rxc1 Rxc1 24.Rf3 f6 25.Qd2 Rc8 26.Bd5 b6 27.Qe2 Qc7 28.Qb5 Qc2 29.b4 Qc7 0-1 (47) Vantika,A (2392)-George Samir,D (2272) Masters Open 2024 (4.45)]
15...g5 16.Qe2 g4 17.Ne1 Qh4 Black has compensation.
[17...Qg5 simplifies 18.Kh1 Nd4 19.f4 gxf3 20.Nxf3 Nxe2 21.Nxg5 hxg5 22.Bxe2 Rc7]
18.a3 -0.60/21
[18.Kh1= -0.23/19]
18...Nd4∓ 19.Qd2 -1.11/22
[⌓19.Qd3 -0.72/20]
19...Bb6!∓ 20.Bd3 -1.40/22
[20.Be2 -0.97/22]
20...Ra5! Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive. **21.Rc1** -1.61/22
[21.Kh1∓ -1.17/22]
21...Rxc1→ White is in trouble. **22.Qxc1 Rh5 23.Qf4 Nb3** -0.97/25
[⌓23...e5 -1.50/26 24.Qg3 Qxg3 25.hxg3 f5]
24.Be2∓

(Diagram)

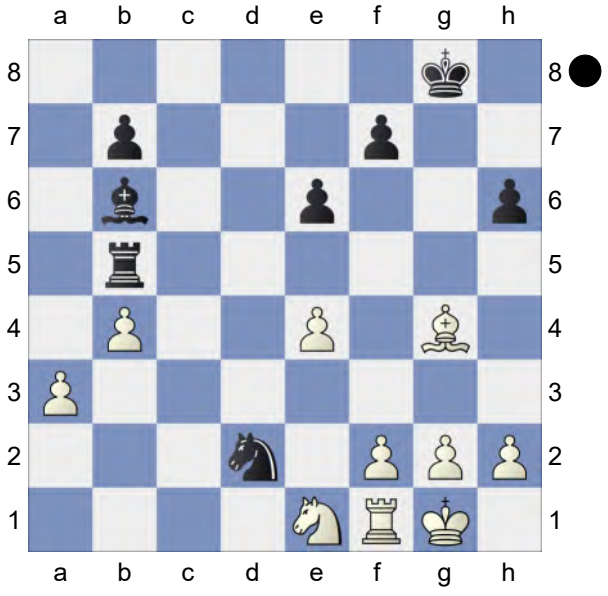


Nd2! Deflection. Really sharp! **25.Qxg4+** -1.39/21

[25.Qxd2? Qxh2#]

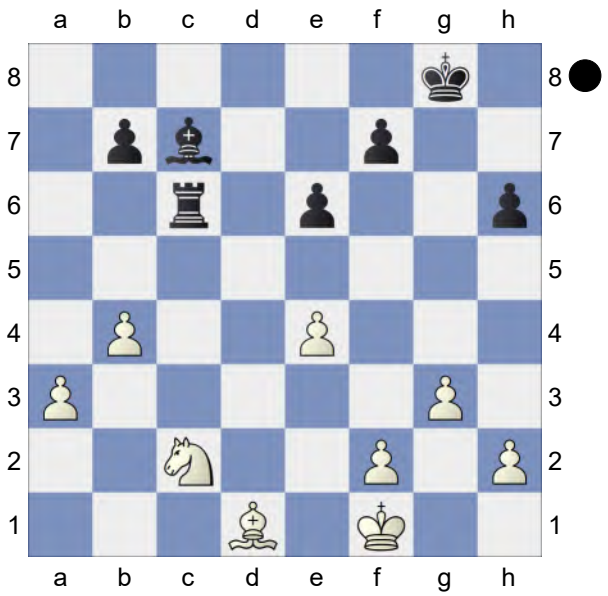
[White should try 25.Bxg4 -0.97/23 Nxf1 26.Kxf1 Qxh2 27.Qxh2 Rxh2 28.Kg1]

25...Qxg4 26.Bxg4 Rb5 27.b4



Bc7! 28.g3 Rb6 This costs White the game. **29.Nc2** -2.62/26 **Nxf1-+ 30.Kxf1** Endgame KRB-KBN **30...Rc6 31.Bd1**

(Diagram)



Rc3! 32.Ke1 Rb3 33.Kd2 Bb6 34.Ke2 Rb1 35.f3 Bg1 36.h3 Bh2 37.g4 Bf4 38.a4 Bg5 39.Ke1 -4.58/24

[⌓39.Na3 -3.17/25 Rxb4 40.Kd3]

39...Kg7 40.Ke2 Kf6 41.Ne1 Rb2+ 42.Kf1 Rd2 Inhibits Nd3. **43.Be2 Ke5 44.a5 Kf4 45.b5 Kg3 46.h4 Bf6**

[46...Kxh4 47.f4 Ra2 48.fxg5 hxg5 49.Nd3±]

47.Nd3 Ra2

[47...Kxh4 48.Nf4∓]

48.Bd1 Rxa5 49.h5 Bd4 50.Nc1 Be3

[Not 50...Rxb5 51.Ne2+ Kh4 52.Nxd4±]

51.Nd3 Rxb5 52.Ke2 Bf4 53.Ke1 Ra5 54.Ke2 Ra2+ 55.Ke1 Rh2 56.Kf1 Bd2 57.Kg1 Bc3 58.Kf1 e5 59.g5 hxg5 60.h6 Rxh6 61.Nf2 Rh2 62.Ng4 Rh1+ 63.Ke2 Re1+ 64.Kd3 Rxd1+ 65.Kxc3 KR-KN **65...f6 66.Nxf6 Kxf3 67.Kc2 Rh1** (-> ...g4) **68.Nd7 Kxe4** and ...g4 would now be decisive **69.Nc5+ Ke3 70.Nxb7 e4 71.Nd6 g4 72.Nf5+ Kf2** -16.38/18

[⌓72...Kf3 -#17/23 73.Nd4+ Kf2 74.Ne6 g3 75.Ng5 Rh4 76.Nf7 g2 77.Ne5 g1Q *(77...g1R* gets mated. *78.Nc4 e3 79.Ne5 e2 80.Kb3 Rg3+*

81.Kc2 e1Q 82.Nd3+ Rxd3 83.Kxd3 Qb4 84.Kc2 Rc4+ 85.Kd3 Qc3#) 78.Nc6 Rh3 79.Kb2 Qe1 80.Nd4 Qc3+ 81.Ka2 Qd2+ *(81...Qxd4? 82.Kb1 Qd2 83.Ka1 Rh1#)* 82.Nc2 Qxc2+ 83.Ka1 Rh1#]

73.Nd6 g3 (-> ...g2) **74.Nxe4+ Kg2** -14.68/23

[⌓74...Kf3 -#14/26 75.Nxg3 Kxg3 76.Kd3 Rh4 77.Ke3 Ra4 78.Kd3 Kf3 79.Kc3 Ke3 80.Kb3 Rf4 81.Kc3 Ke2 82.Kc2 Rf3 83.Kc1 Kd3 84.Kb2 Kd2 85.Ka1 Kc2 86.Ka2 Rh3 87.Ka1 Ra3#]

75.Nxg3 Kxg3 KR-K **76.Kd3 Rh4 77.Ke3 Kg2 78.Ke2 Rh3 79.Ke1 Kf3 80.Kd1 Ke3 81.Kc2 Ke2 82.Kc1 Kd3** (-> ...Kc3) **83.Kb2 Kd2** (-> ...Rf3) **84.Ka1 Kc2** Black mates. **85.Ka2 Rc3 86.Ka1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.20 (precise)

86...Ra3#

0-1

37 **D38**

□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2659**

■ **Artemiev,V** **2691**

2nd Al-Beruniy Match A (1.1) 13.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 The position is equal. **9...Ba6 10.b4** Against Na5 **10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Ne4 12.Qc2 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Qd5 14.Qxd5 exd5 15.Bd2N Rfc8 16.Ke2 f6 17.Rhc1 Nd8 18.Rc2 a5 19.Rac1 axb4** 0.77/24

[19...c6!= 0.11/23]

20.Bxb4± Ne6 21.Rc6! Re8 22.h4 Inhibits N4g5. **22...Ra7** 1.08/26

[22...Kf7± 0.54/25]

23.Kf1 Kf7 24.Ne1 0.68/26

[24.Ng1!± 1.24/27]

24...Rd8± 25.g4 Rd7 1.10/25

[25...h5± 0.69/26]

26.f3± Nd6 27.Bxd6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 Endgame KRN-KRN **29.Rc3 Nc7 30.Rb3** Against Nb5 **30...b5 31.Nd3 Ra5 32.Rc3 Ra7 33.Kf2 g5** 1.47/26

[⌓33...Ke6 1.11/24]

34.hxg5 fxg5 35.Nb4 0.94/25

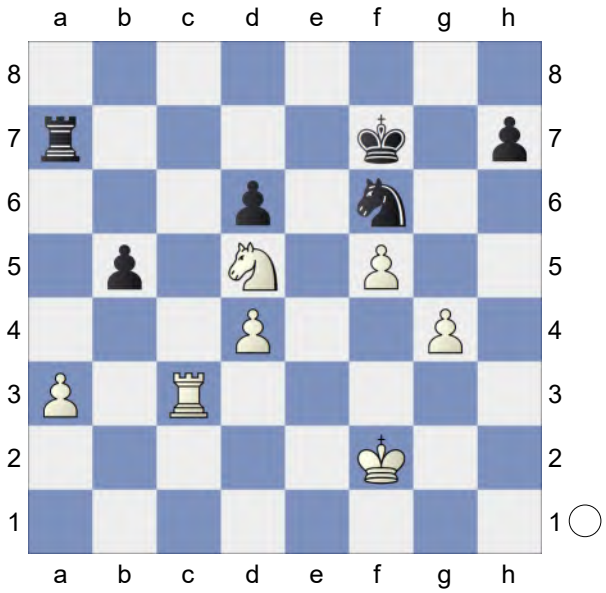
[⌓35.Rb3 1.33/25]

35...Ke6 36.f4 White is more active. Black cannot hold the game after this. **36...gxf4?** 4.17/25

[36...Kd7± 0.93/25 is a better chance. 37.f5 *(37.fxg5 Ne6±)* 37...h6]

37.exf4+- Ne8 38.f5+ Kf7 39.Nxd5 Nf6? 6.69/29

[39...Ra5 3.95/26 40.Kg3 h5]



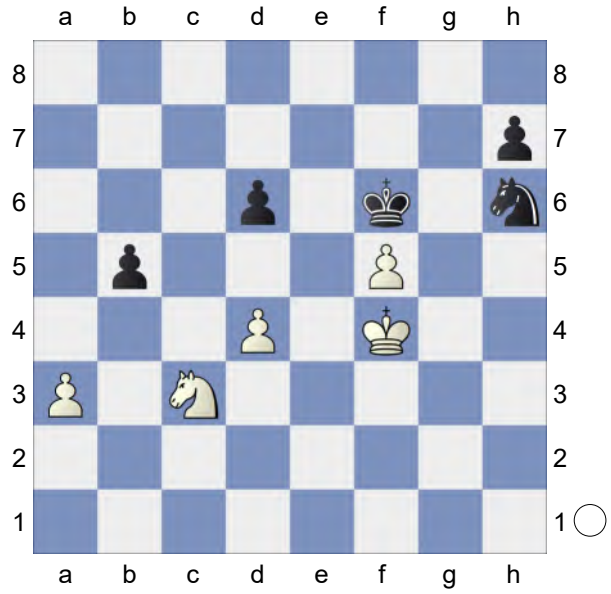
40.Rc7+!

[40.Nxf6 Kxf6 41.Kf3 h5±]

40...Rxc7 41.Nxc7 Nxg4+ KN-KN **42.Kf3 Nh6 43.Kf4**

[Worse is 43.Nxb5 Nxf5 44.Ke4

Ng3+ 45.Kd5 Ke7±]
43...Kf6 44.Nd5+
[44.Nxb5 Nxf5 45.Ke4 Ne7=]
44...Kg7 45.Nc3 Kf6

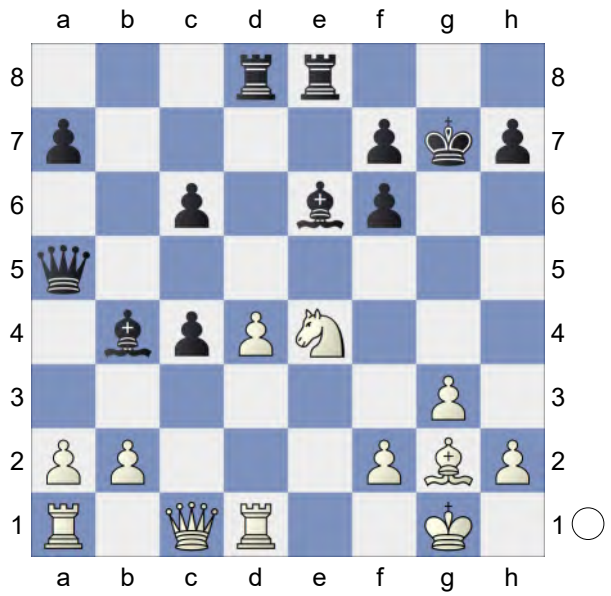


46.Ne4+!
[46.Nxb5 Nxf5 47.a4 Ke6=]
46...Ke7 47.d5 Nf7 48.f6+
[48.Nc3 Ne5±]
48...Ke8? 8.05/27
[48...Kf8 2.67/25 49.Nc3 Ne5]
49.Nc3 Ne5 50.Kf5
[50.Nxb5 Nc4±]
50...h5 51.Nxb5 Nc4 52.Kg6
[Less strong is 52.Ke6 h4±]
52...Kf8 53.Kxh5 Nb6 54.Nxd6 Nxd5 55.Kg6 Nb6 56.Kf5 Na4 57.Ne4 Nb6 58.Ke6 Na4 Wards off Nc5 **59.Kd5** 14.44/27
[⌓59.f7 #17/32 Nb6 60.Nf6 Kg7 61.a4 Promotion *(61.Nh7 Nd7+-)* 61...Nxa4 62.Nd7 Nc5+ 63.Nxc5 Kf8 64.Nd7+ Kg7 65.f8Q+ *(65.f8R Kg6 66.Rf5 Kg7 67.Rg5+ Kh7 68.Kf7 Kh6 69.Rf5 Kh7 70.Rh5#)* 65...Kh7 66.Qf7+ Kh6 67.Ne5 Kg5 68.Qf5+ Kh6 69.Qg6#]
59...Nb2 60.Kc5 and Kb5 would now be decisive **60...Kf7 61.Kb5**
White threatens a4 and mate. **61...Ke6 62.a4 Nd3 63.Nc5+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.78
63...Kd5
1-0

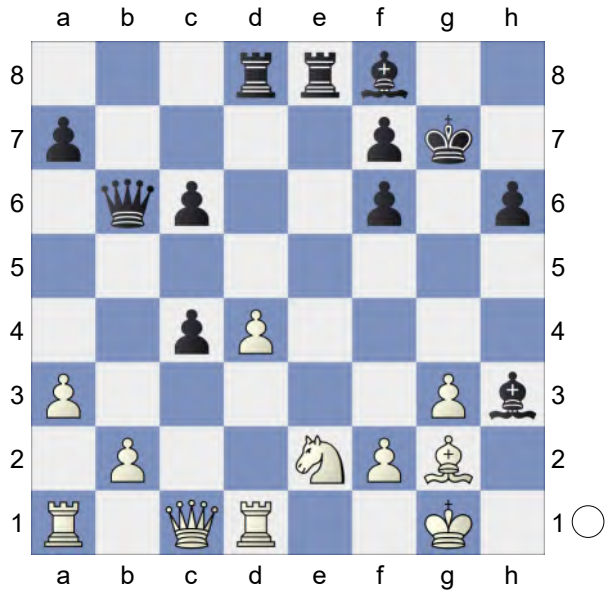
38 **D38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2717**
London TechM GCL rapid (6.3) 07.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c5 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 c4 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be6N**
[10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.e4 Be6 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rab1 b6 17.Qa3 Nc6 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Nxc4 Rad8 21.Qb2 b5 22.Ne3 b4 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Rfd1 bxc3 25.Qxc3 1-0 Eljanov,P (2727)-Saric,I (2661) EU-ch 16th Jerusalem 2015 (9) Nxd4 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qe3 Qd6 28.Rbc1 Qd7 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6 31.Rc4 Rh5 32.Rxd4 Qh3+ 33.Kf3 Rf5+ 34.Rf4 1-0 Ornolfsson,M (2727)-Modestov,B (2661) Politiken Cup 2004 (9)]
11.Ne5 Qa5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc1 Kg7 Wards off Qc1-h6+ **15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rad8 17.Rd1 Rfe8** 1.37/29
[17...Qb6= 0.00/24 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



18.a3 0.00/26
[18.Nxf6!± 1.37/29 Kxf6 19.Qh6+ Ke7 20.a3]
18...Bf8= 19.h3 h6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb6 23.Ne2 Bxh3
[23...Bg4 simplifies 24.hxg4 Rxe2 25.Qxc4 Rxb2 26.Qxc6 Rxd4 27.Qxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6 29.f4 Bc5+]



Discovered Attack **24.Nf4** -0.72/24
[24.Qxc4= -0.21/22 Bg4 *(24...Qxb2? 25.Ra2+-)* 25.Rd2]
24...Bg4∓ 25.Qxc4! Bxd1
[25...Qxb2 26.Bxc6 Re7 27.Rab1=]
26.Rxd1 And now Nf4-h5+ would win.
26...Rd6!
[26...Qxb2 27.Nh5+ Kg8 *(27...Kg6? 28.g4+-)* 28.Nxf6+ *(28.Qxc6? Re6-+)* 28...Kg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.d5 *(30.Bxc6 Re2±; 30.Qxc6 Re6=)* 30...cxd5 31.Qg4+ *(31.Qxd5 Re5=; 31.Rxd5 Re1+* Deflection *32.Kh2 Qxf2=; 31.Bxd5 Qe2±)* 31...Kh8 32.Bxd5± *(32.Rxd5 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2=)*]
27.b4 Red8 28.d5 Qb5 29.Qb3 a5 0.05/20
[Better is 29...cxd5∓ -0.63/16 30.Bxd5 Qd7]
30.Rc1 The position is equal. **30...cxd5 31.Rc5 a4 32.Qc2 Qe8! 33.Bxd5 Qe5 34.Bxf7** Threatening mate with Qc2-g6+. Discovered Attack **34...Qe1+!**
[Wrong is 34...Rd1+? 35.Kg2 Bxc5 36.Qg6+ Kf8 37.Qg8+ *(37.bxc5? f5-+; 37.Qh7 Rg1+ 38.Kh2 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Rg1+ 40.Kh3 Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Rg1+=* Decoy *)* 37...Ke7 38.Ng6+ Kd7 39.Nxe5+ fxe5 40.Qg4+ Kc6 41.Qc4+- *(41.bxc5 R1d7+-)*]
35.Kg2 Intending Qc2-g6+ and mate.
35...Kxf7 36.Qh7+ Ke8! 37.Qg6+ Ke7 38.Rc7+
[38.Rc4!? Rd4□ *(38...Qe5? 39.Re4+-* Pin *)* 39.Qh7+ Ke8 40.Qg6+ Ke7 41.Qh7+ Ke8 42.Qg6+ Ke7=]
38...R8d7 39.Rc8 The board is on fire.
39...Rd8 40.Rc4 Rd4
[Don't go for 40...Qe5? 41.Re4+-]
41.Qh7+ Ke8 Threatens to win with ... Qe1-e7. **42.Qg6+ Ke7 43.Qh7+ Ke8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

39 **D38**
□ **Sarana,A.** **2679**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
Chennai GM 2024 (7.2) 11.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bd6 9.Qc2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.f4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ng4** The position is equal. **14.Qe2**
[14.Bd4 c5 15.Bxc5 Re8 16.0-0 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Rxe3 18.Rfe1 *(18.Qf2 Re7 19.Rad1 Bd7 20.f5 Qb6 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.f6 gxf6 23.Rxf6 Be6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.a3 Rc8 26.h3 Rc2 27.b4 Kg7 28.Rf3 e5 29.Rd5 Rc6 30.Kh2 e4 31.Re3 Kf6 32.Kg3 Rc2* 0-1 Xiong,J (2646)-Donchenko,A (2638) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (2)) 18...Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Qd4+ 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Kf8 22.Bd5 Bd7 23.Re3 Rc8 24.Bxb7 Rb8 25.Rb3 Ba4 26.Ra3 Rxb7 27.Rxa4 Rxb2+ 28.Kf3 Rb7 So,W (2770)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2792) Paris (blitz) 149/(139) 2021]
14...Re8 15.e4 Bf5N
[15...Qe7 16.0-0-0 Nh6 17.h3 Be6 18.Bd3 Bxa2 19.g4 Qc5 20.Qc2 Qb6 21.b4 Rad8 22.Rhe1 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Bc4 24.Rg3 Qd6 25.Bd2 Qd4 26.Qc3 Qf2 27.g5 1-0 Farionov,A (2640)-York,L (2393) 8th World Teams 2011]
16.e5 Qh4+ 17.g3 Qh6 ...Ra8-d8 would now be deadly. **18.0-0-0**

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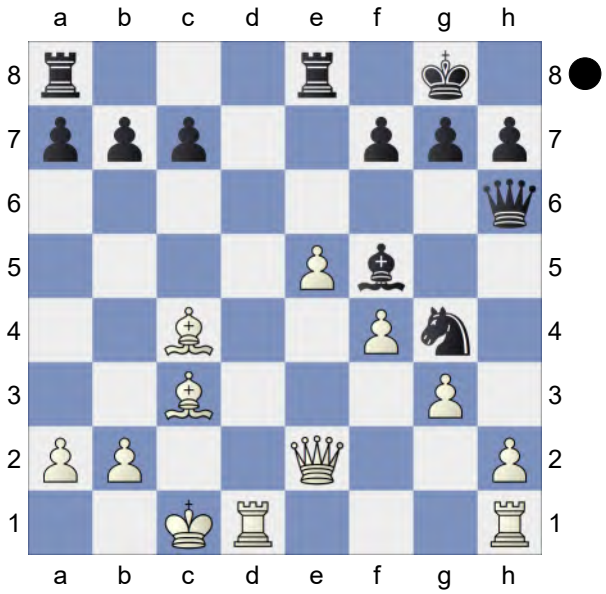

Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Threatens to win with g3-g4. A strong pair of Bishops. **19...Qc6!** Hoping for ...b7-b5. **20.Rhe1 Be6 21.b3** And now Kc1-b2 would win. **21...b5!** Pin **22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 bxc4 24.bxc4 h6 25.Bc3 Red8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8=** Endgame. KRB-KRB **27.Rd4 Rb8 28.Ba5 c5 29.Rd8+ Rxd8 30.Bxd8 Bxc4** KB-KB **31.Be7 Bxa2 32.Bxc5 a5 33.Kd2 h5 34.Ke3 Kh7 35.f5 f6 36.Kf4 Bc4 37.Ba3 a4 38.Bb4 Bd3 39.Ba3 Kg8 40.Bb4 Kf7 41.Ba3 Ke8 42.Bb4 Kd7 43.Bf8 Bc2 44.Ba3 Ke8 45.Bb4 Bb1 46.Ba3 Bc2 47.Bb4 Bb1 48.Ba3** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

40 **D38**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2745**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2793**
11th Sinquefield Cup (4.2) 22.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd2 Bb7 9.a3 Bd6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Bd3 a6 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.0-0 Re8N

[14...Nb8 15.b4 Qe7 16.Rfb1 Re8 17.a4 c6 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Ne2 Nbd7 21.Bc3 Qd6 22.Ng3 g6 23.a5 b5 24.Bd4 Rac8 Queen'S Gambit-6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 Survey 2022]

[14...Ne7 15.b4 Ng6 16.b5 Re8 17.Rfc1 a5 18.Ne2 Ne4 19.Be1 h5 20.Ng3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.a4 Bc8 24.Bb2 Bg4 25.Nh2 Be6 26.Ba3 Rc8 27.Qd1 h4 28.Bxd6 cxd6 29.g4 1-0 (47) Farionov,A (2627)-Teichmann (2609) Obrenovac 95/29 2005 Ne7 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rc1 g5 32.Rxc8+ Nxc8 33.Qc2 Kf8 34.f4 Qe7 35.Kf2 Qf6 36.f5 Bd7 37.Qc7 Qe7 38.Qb7 f6 39.Bc2 Ke8 40.Nf3 Kd8 41.Qxd5 Be8 42.Bb3 Qd7 43.e4 Ne7 44.Qa8+ 1-0 (47) Donchenko,A (2627)-Yilmaz,M (2609) II 155/150 Wijk aan Zee 2023]

15.b4 Nb8 16.Rfb1 Ne4 17.b5 a5 18.a4 Nd7 19.Bc1 Qe7 20.Qb3 Ndf6 21.Ra2 Rac8 22.Ba3 Ng4

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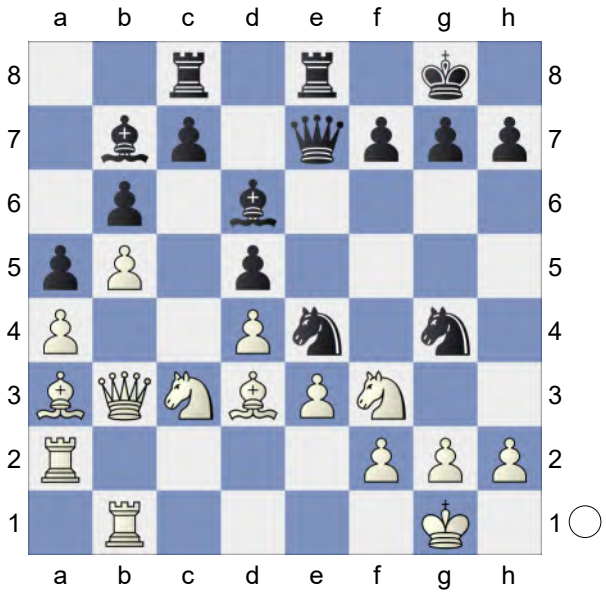


and ...Nexf2 should not be overlooked **23.Bxd6!**

[And not 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Qxd5 Nexf2-+ *(24...Bxa3? perishes. 25.Qxe4 Qxe4 26.Bxe4+-)*]

23...cxd6 24.Nd1

[24.Nxd5? Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Ngxf2 26.Bxe4 Nxe4-+]

24...g6 25.Qa3 Ngf6 26.Rc1 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Rc8 28.Rc2 Rxc2 29.Qxc2

[Don't do 29.Bxc2 Qc7±]

29...Kg7 30.Nd2 Nxd2 31.Qxd2 h5 32.f3 h4 33.Nc3 Nh7 34.Kf2 White is more active. **34...f5** 1.35/23

[⌓34...Qc7 0.84/21]

35.Ne2± Nf6 1.69/25

[35...Nf8± 1.00/23]

36.Qc1 Nh5 37.Nf4 0.01/23

[37.Ke1± 1.34/23]

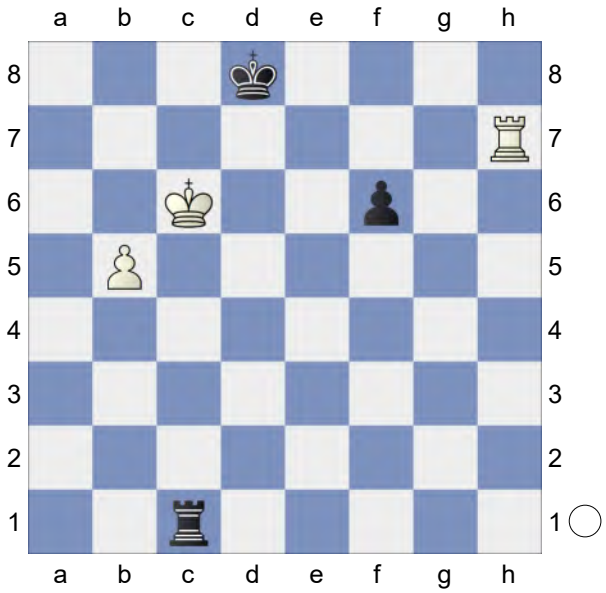
37...Nxf4= 38.exf4 Endgame KQB-KQB **38...Qd8 39.Bb1 Qc8** The position is equal. **40.Qxc8 Bxc8** KB-KB **41.g3 hxg3+ 42.hxg3 Be6 43.Kg2 Kf6 44.Kh3 Bf7 45.Kh4 Be6 46.Bd3 Bf7 47.g4 Be8 48.Bc2 Bf7 49.Bd3 Be8 50.Bc2 Bf7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

51.Bd3
½-½

41 **D38**
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2688**
■ **Yu Yangyi** **2717**
39th ECC Open 2024 (6.1) 25.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.e3 0-0 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Bd7 The position is equal. **15.Nb3 Rfc8 16.f3 Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 20.Bd3 Ra5N**
[20...Rxc3?! 21.Bc4+-]
[20...a5 21.Rc1 Kf8 7) 5.Bg5 h6 – Introduction-N,N 22.b4 axb4 23.Rxb4 R8c7 24.Bb5 Ke7 25.Rb3 Ne8 26.Bxe8 Kxe8 27.Ra1 Kd7 28.g4 Kc6 29.Ra8 Rb5 30.Rxb5 Kxb5 31.Kd3 Kc5 32.Rg8 f6 33.Rd8 b5 34.h4 Ra7 35.h5 Rc7 36.Ra8 Kd6 ½-½ (50) Kuzubov,Y (2612)-Wojtaszek,R (2693) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.3)]
21.Bc2 g6 22.Rb1 h5 0.37/24
[22...b5= -0.09/21]
23.Ra4± Rac5 24.Rxa7 Rxc3 25.Bd3 R3c7 26.Rba1 Nd7 27.Ra8 Nc5 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8= Endgame KRB-KRN **29.Bc2 Ne6 30.Ra4 Rc6 31.g3 Kg7 32.f4 Kf6 33.Rb4 b6 34.Ra4 Nc7 35.Bd3 Ke7 36.Ra7 Kd8 37.b4 Kc8 38.h3 Rd6 39.Ra1 Kd7 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Ke7 42.Ra7 Rd7 43.f5 gxf5 44.gxf5 f6 45.Bc2 Ne8 46.Ra6 Nd6 47.Bd3 Nc4+ 48.Kc3 Nxe3 49.Kd4 Nc4 50.Bxc4 dxc4+ 51.Kxc4** KR-KR **51...Rd6 52.Ra7+ Kd8 53.Rf7 Ke8 54.Rb7 Kd8 55.Ra7 Rd1 56.Rf7 Rd6 57.Kb5 Ke8! 58.Rh7** aiming for Ka6. **58...Kd8 59.Ka6 Rd5 60.Kxb6 Rxf5 61.b5 Rf1?** 5.67/29
[61...Rf3± 0.31/28]
62.Kc6!+- Rc1+



63.Kb7! f5 64.b6 f4 65.Rc7? 0.01/28 Repels Rc3
[65.Rf7+- 5.15/25]
65...Rf1 0.41/28
[65...Re1= 0.01/28 is superior.]
66.Kb8 0.01/30
[66.Rc3± 0.41/28]
66...f3= 67.Rc2 Ra1 68.b7 Kd7 69.Rc7+ Ke6 0.47/27
[69...Kd8= 0.01/30]
70.Rc6+ Kd5 71.Kc7 Rb1 72.Rf6 0.01/28
[72.b8B? loses. Rxb8 73.Rf6 Rb3-+]
[72.Rc2± 0.62/31]
72...Ke4 73.b8Q 0.70/22
[73.b8R= 0.01/30 Rxb8 74.Kxb8]
73...Rxb8± 74.Kxb8 Ke3

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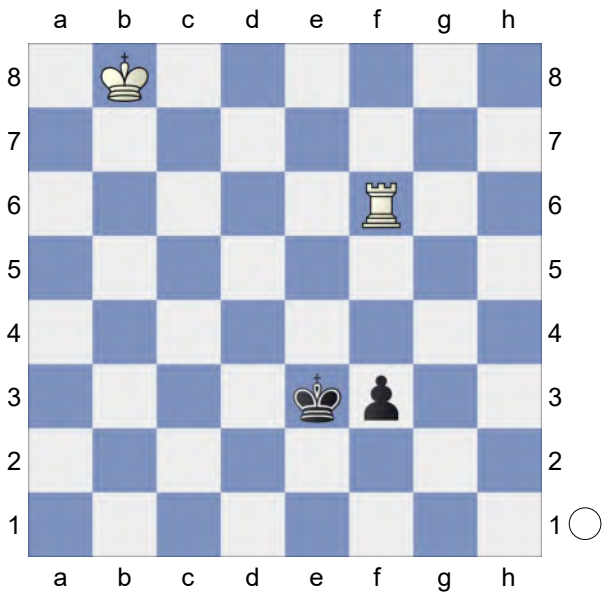
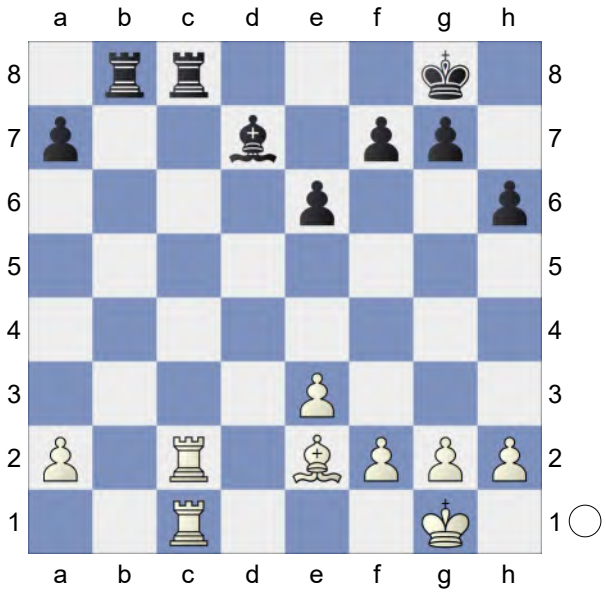


75.Rxf3+ -0.68/27
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
75...Kxf3
½-½

42 **D38**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2619**
■ **Navara,David** **2677**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) RR: 'Inf 77/(412)' **1.d4** 4 **Nf6** 7 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 7 **3.Nf3** 3 **d5** 5 **4.Nc3** 3 **Bb4** 6 **5.Bg5** 25 **h6** 9 **6.Bxf6** 4 **Qxf6** 8 **7.e3** 9 **0-0** 13 **8.Rc1** 4 **dxc4** 44 **9.Bxc4** 6 **c5** 18 **10.dxc5N** 6
[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 *(11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5 13.Nxd4 Bd7 14.Qh5 Bb6 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.Nd6 Be8 17.Nxe8 Rxe8 18.Bb5 Rd8 19.Qf3 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Na6 21.Rcd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Rc8 23.g3 Nb8 24.h4 a6 25.Bf1 Nc6* ½-½ Mamedyarov,S (2747)-Wojtaszek,R (2727) China Elite Mind Basque Huaian rapid 2016 (3.5) *)* 11...Bd7 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Bxc6 15.Bb5 Bd5 6.Bxf6 with 7.e3 Variation 4 Short & Sweet: The Ragozin]
[10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Be8 16.a4 Qe7 17.Qa2 Rc7 18.Nd2 a6 19.Be2 cxd4 20.exd4 Rdc8 21.Nc4 Qg5 22.Qd2 ½-½ Ftacnik,L (2589)-Kacheishvili,G (2577) Batumi 77/(412) 1999]
10...Nd7 35 **11.c6** 53 **bxc6** 28 The position is equal. **12.0-0** 4 **Ne5** 7:53 **13.Be2** 12 **Rb8** 8:49 **14.Nxe5** 23:55 **Qxe5** 40 **15.Na4** 9 **Be7** 5:54
[15...Bd6!? 16.g3□ c5=]
16.Rc2 14:35 **c5** 8:09 **17.Qc1** 1:27 **Bd7** 1:42 **18.Nxc5** 6:56 **Bxc5** 22 **19.Rxc5** 3 **Qxb2** 13 **20.Rc2** 4 **Qxc1** 11:26 **21.Rfxc1** 9 **Rfc8** 9

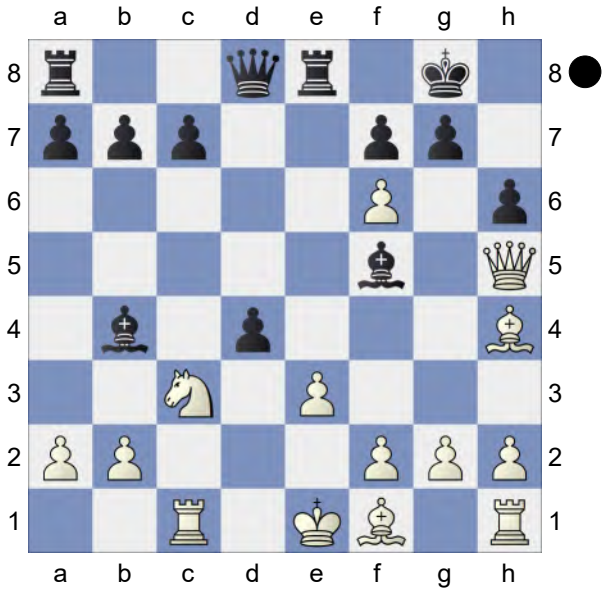


Strongly threatening ...Rxc2. **22.Rxc8+** 9:46 **Rxc8** 25 **23.Rxc8+** 8 **Bxc8=** 1:19 Endgame. KB-KB **24.Kf1** 7 **Kf8** 11 **25.Ke1** 2 **Ke7** 5 **26.Kd2** 4 **Kd6** 4 **27.Kc3** 3 **Kc5** 5 **28.f4** 7 **f6** 3 **29.Bf3** 11 **e5** 11 **30.fxe5** 2 **fxe5** 9:29 A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value:

White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

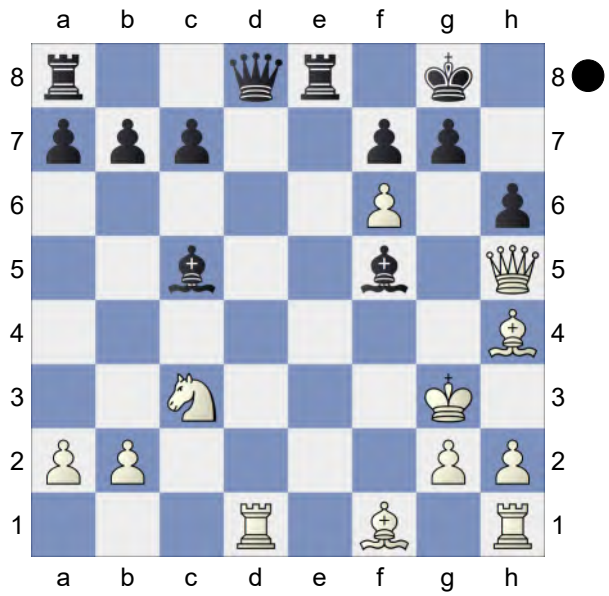
43 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2463**
■ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3242**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Rc1
[8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 *(10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb3 14.axb3 Nxc5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Bf3 Be6 18.b4 Nd3 19.Be2 Ne5 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.e4 Bd7 23.Kf2 a6 24.Rfd1 Rfe8* 0-1 (33) Ibrahimli,M (2406)-Caruana,F (2764) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (5)*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Be2 c6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rfxd8 15.f3 c5 16.Kf2 Rac8 17.Rhc1 Rc7 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Bg6 20.Bf3 Ne5 21.Ke3 Nc6 22.Nb3 cxd4+ 0-1 (70) Persse,D (2739)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2702) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2007 (2.1)]
8...Bf5 9.e3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **10.Ne5N** -0.39/24
[10.Qb3= 0.08/20 deserves consideration. c5 11.dxc5]
[10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 d4 16.b4 Qxa3 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Rc4 Bd5 19.Rxd4 Qc3+ 20.Qd2 Qa1+ 21.Qd1 Qc3+ 22.Qd2 Qa1+ 23.Qd1 Queen'S Gambit-6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 Survey 2022]
10...Nxe5∓ 11.dxe5 Re8 12.exf6 -1.01/22
[12.Qb3∓ -0.44/21 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3]
12...d4∓ Pin **13.Qh5?** -6.99/24
[13.Bc4∓ -1.04/21 dxc3 14.bxc3 *(14.Bxf7+? Kxf7 15.bxc3 Qxd1+* Overworked Piece *16.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 17.Ke2 gxf6-+)* 14...Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 16.Ke2]

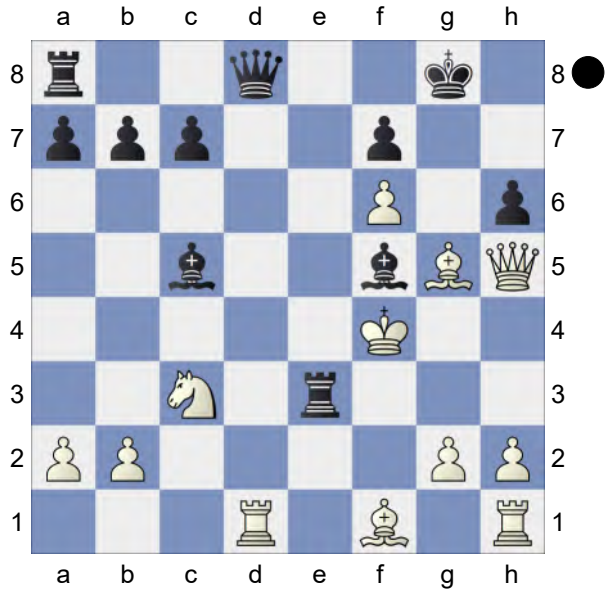


13...dxe3!-+ 14.Rd1 Against Qd2+
[14.fxe3 Rxe3+]
14...exf2+
[Worse is 14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 e2 16.Rxd8±]
15.Kxf2 Bc5+ 16.Kg3

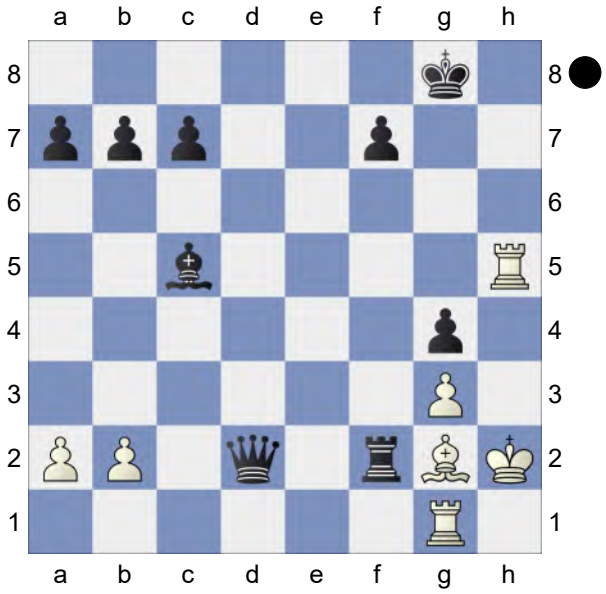
(Diagram)



Re3+! 17.Kf4 g5+ 18.Bxg5



Qe8! 19.Kxf5 Re5+ 20.Kf4 Qe6
(-> ...Qf5+)
[Not 20...Be3+ 21.Kf3 Qc6+ *(21...Rf5+ 22.Ke2±)* 22.Nd5 Bxg5 23.Kg3 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Be2∓]
21.Kg3 Rxg5+
[21...hxg5 22.Be2 Qxf6 23.Kh3 Rxe2 24.Nxe2=]
22.Qxg5+ hxg5 23.h4 Qxf6
(-> ...Qf4+) **24.Kh2 Qf2 25.Rd3 Re8 26.Nd1 Qxh4+ 27.Rh3 Qf4+ 28.g3 Qd2+ 29.Bg2 Re2 30.Rh5 g4**
Black mates. **31.Nf2 Rxf2 32.Rg1**



Re2! 33.Kh1
[33.Rf1 Rxg2+]
33...Bxg1 34.Rh4 Rxg2 35.Rxg4+ Kf8 36.Rg8+ Kxg8 37.a3 Rxg3 38.a4
Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.54/ Black=0.00 (flawless)
38...Qg2#
0-1

44 **D38**
□ **Weiawaga** **2569**
■ **Spiritofthenewyear** **3189**
Blitz 11.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 11.bxc3
[11.Nd2!?]
11...Ke7N
[11...Na6 12.Rd1 Be6 13.e4 dxe4

14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.c6 Bxa2 7) 5.Bg5 h6 - Introduction-Qb3 *(16...Ke7 17.Ke2 Rhd8 18.Rb1 Rc7 19.Ke3 Bd5 20.Rhd1 Rdc8 21.Nf5+ Ke6 22.c4 Bxc6 23.Nd6 Rf8 24.g4 h5 25.h3 hxg4 26.hxg4 Rh8 27.Nf5 Rh3+ 28.Ng3 Rh4 29.Kf4 g6 30.Nf1 Rh3 31.Ng3* ½-½ (92) Petrosyan,M (2631)-Yilmaz,M (2566) Pavlodar op 2024 (10) *)*]

[11...Be6 12.Rb1 b6 13.cxb6 axb6 14.Rxb6 0-0 15.Rb2 Nd7 16.Nd4 Rfc8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.f3 Rxc3 19.Kf2 Rca3 20.Rb7 Nc5 21.Rc7 R8a5 22.g3 Rxa2 23.Bh3 Rc2 24.Bxe6+ Kf8 25.Rc8+ Ke7 26.Bf5 1-0 (53) Pakhomov,E (2366)-Melikhov,E (2138) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Apr Early blitz 2025 (5)]

12.Nd4 Be6 13.Rb1 b6 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb2

[Don't take 15.Rxb6 Rc8±]

15...Nd7 16.e3 Nc5 17.Be2 Ne4 18.Rxb6 Rxa2 19.0-0 Rc8 20.Bd3 Nxc3 21.h3 Rd2 22.Ba6 Rc7 23.Ra1 h5 24.Nf3 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Nxd1 26.Be2 Nc3 27.Nd4 h4 28.Bd3 g5 29.Bc2 Ne4 30.Kf1 Bd7 31.Ke1 Ra7 32.Rb1 Ra3 33.Nf3 f6 34.Nd4 Nc3 35.Rc1 Nb5 36.Ne2 f5 37.Rd1 Nc3 38.Nxc3 Rxc3= Endgame KRB-KRB **39.Bd3 Ra3 40.Be2 Kd6 41.Bf3 Ra5 42.Be2 Ra3 43.Bf3 Be6 44.Ke2 Ra4** White must now prevent ...g4. **45.Bh5 g4 46.Rd4 Rc4 47.f4 Kc5 48.hxg4 fxg4 49.Bg6 Rxd4** -0.46/21

[49...Bd7∓ -0.93/21 50.Rd1 Bb5]

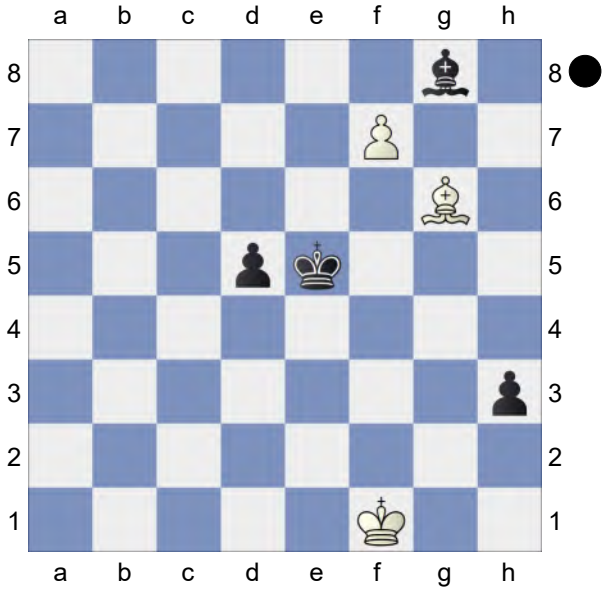
50.exd4+∓ Kxd4∓ KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. **51.f5 Bg8 52.f6 h3 53.gxh3 gxh3** (-> ...h2) **54.Kf1**

[54.f7 Bxf7 55.Bxf7 h2 56.Kf3 h1Q+ *(56...h1R? 57.Ke2-+)* 57.Kf2 Qh4+ *(57...Kc3? 58.Be8-+)* 58.Kf3 Qf6+ 59.Kg3 Qxf7 60.Kg4 Qf6 61.Kh3 Qg7 62.Kh4 Ke4 63.Kh3 Kf3 64.Kh4 Qh6#]

54...Ke5

[54...h2!? 55.Kg2□ Ke5=]

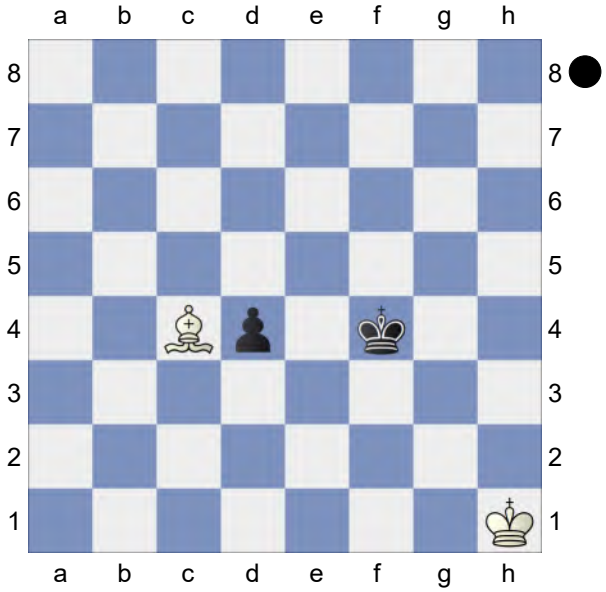
55.f7



Bxf7 56.Bxf7= KB-KPP **56...d4 57.Kf2 Kf4**

[57...h2!? 58.Kg2□ Kf5=]

58.Bc4 h2 59.Kg2 h1Q+ 60.Kxh1



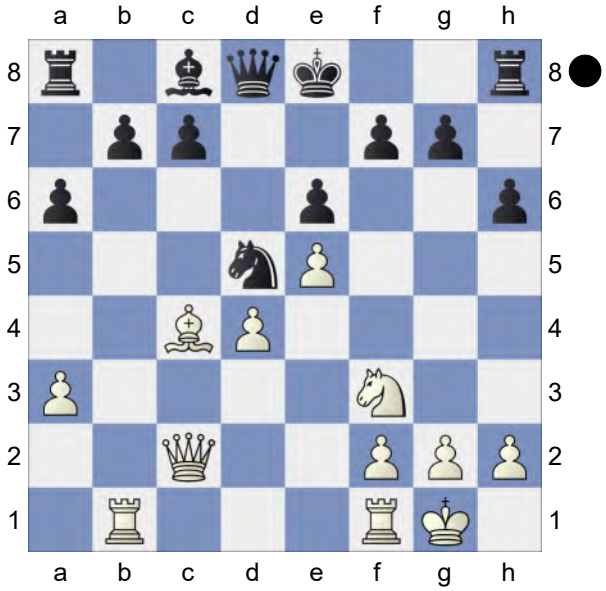
d3!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

61.Bxd3 Normal
[61.Kg1 d2]
½-½

45 **D39**
□ **admete_bot** **2466**
■ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3219**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.a3
[6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qc2 b5 9.Be2 a6 10.a3 Be7 11.e4 0-0 12.Rd1 Re8 13.h4 Ng4 14.Bf4 e5 15.Nxe5 Ngxe5 16.dxe5 Bf8 17.Qd2 Be6 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.0-0 Qc5 20.Qg3 Rad8 0-1 (57) Radjabov,T (2765)-Anton Guijarro,D (2675) Skilling Open Prelim 2020 (5.8)]
6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nbd7N
[7...c5 8.e3 *(8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qxc4 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0 11.e3 Qa5+ 12.Qb4 Qxb4+ 13.axb4 Nd5 14.b5 f6 15.Bf4 Nc3 16.Bd6 Rd8 17.b6 Nc6 18.Bd3 Be8 19.Bg3 axb6 20.Kd2 Na4 21.Bc4 b5 22.Bxe6+ Bf7* Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game Game 1 *)* 8...h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Bxc4 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.f4 g6 14.Qg4 Be4 15.f5 De la Paz,F-Juarez De Vena,A Garcia Padron-Suba 1979]
[7...b5 8.e4 Nbd7 9.e5 h6 10.exf6 hxg5 11.fxg7 Rg8 12.Qb1 c6 13.a4 a6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Qh7 Ke7 16.dxe5 Qa5 17.Rc1 D 39/06 2003]
8.e4 h6 9.Bxf6 -0.51/22
[9.Bh4= 0.05/22]
9...Nxf6∓ Black is slightly better. **10.e5** -0.59/23
[10.Qb1= 0.01/21]
10...Nd5 11.Bxc4 Nxc3 12.Qc2 -0.98/22
[12.Qb3∓ -0.61/22 Nd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 exd5 15.Rb1]
12...Nd5∓ 13.Rb1 -1.25/20
[White should try 13.0-0 -0.73/19]
13...a6 14.0-0



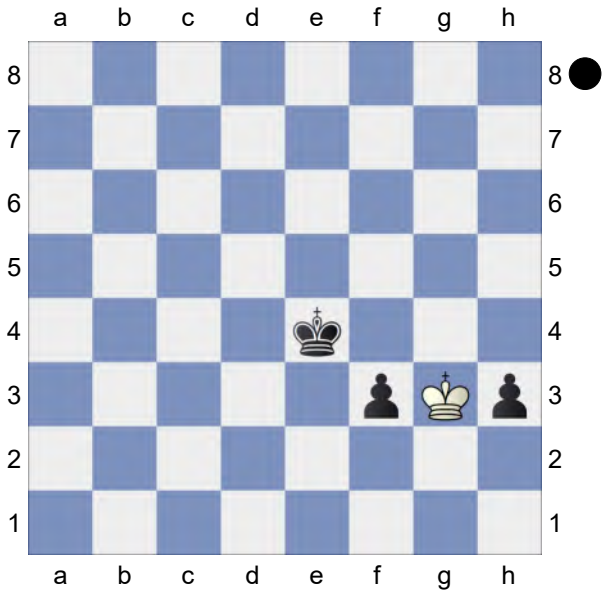
b5! 15.Bxd5 -1.32/23
[⌓15.Ba2 -0.89/21]
15...Qxd5 16.Rfc1 -1.58/23
[⌓16.Qd2 -1.16/23]
16...Bb7 17.Qxc7 -1.83/25
[17.Qb2∓ -1.32/23]
17...0-0-+ 18.h3 Rfc8 19.Qe7 Rab8 20.a4 Qa2
[20...bxa4? 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Rxb7+-]
[20...Rxc1+ 21.Rxc1 Qd8 *(21...bxa4? 22.Rc7±)* 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.axb5∓]
21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxc8+? -4.87/29
[22.Ra1 -2.35/23 was necessary. Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Bxf3 24.gxf3]
22...Rxc8 23.Qb4 White is weak on the light squares **23...Rc2 24.Rf1 Bc6 25.Qd6 Qa8** Active counter play!

26.Ne1 Rc1 27.Nf3 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Endgame KQB-KQN **28...Bd5** and ...Qa1+ would now be decisive **29.Kg1 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Qb2 31.Qd8+ Kh7 32.Qh4 Qc1 33.Qe7 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Bxf3 35.gxf3 Qxf3** KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **36.Qb4 Qxh3 37.Qxb5 Qg4+ 38.Kf1 Qxd4 39.Qe2 Qf4 40.Kg2 g6 41.Qb2 h5 42.Qc3 Qg4+ 43.Kh2 g5 44.Qe3 Qf4+ 45.Qxf4 gxf4** KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. **46.Kh3 Kg6 47.Kh4 Kh6** -36.21/38

[⌓47...Kf5 -#20/37 48.Kxh5 Kxe5 49.Kh6 Kf5 50.Kh5 e5 51.Kh4 e4 52.Kh3 f3 53.Kg3 f6 54.Kh2 e3 Promotion *(54...Kf4? 55.Kg1-+)* 55.fxe3 Ke4 56.Kg3 Kxe3 57.Kg4 f2 58.Kf5 f1Q+ *(58...f1R+* is a self mate. *59.Ke6 f5 60.Kf6 f4 61.Kg7 f3 62.Kg8 Rb1 63.Kh7 f2 64.Kh6 f1Q 65.Kg5 Qf4+ 66.Kh5 Qg3 67.Kh6 Rh1#)* 59.Ke6 Qd3 *(59...f5 60.Kf7 Qc4+ 61.Kf6 Ke4 62.Kg6 Ke5 63.Kg7 Qe6 64.Kf8 Qd7 65.Kg8 Kf6 66.Kh8 Qg7#)* 60.Ke7 Kf4 61.Kf7 Qd7+ *(61...f5 62.Ke6 Qd8 63.Kf7 Ke5 64.Kg7 Qf6+ 65.Kg8 Qe7 66.Kh8 Kf6 67.Kg8 Qg7#)* 62.Kxf6 Qe8 63.Kg7 Kg5 64.Kh7 Kf6 65.Kh6 Qh8#]

48.f3 Kg6 (-> ...f6) **49.Kh3 f6 50.exf6 Kxf6 51.Kg2 Kf5 52.Kg1 e5 53.Kf1 e4 54.Ke2 h4 55.fxe4+ Kxe4 56.Ke1 f3 57.Kf2 h3 58.Kg3**

(Diagram)



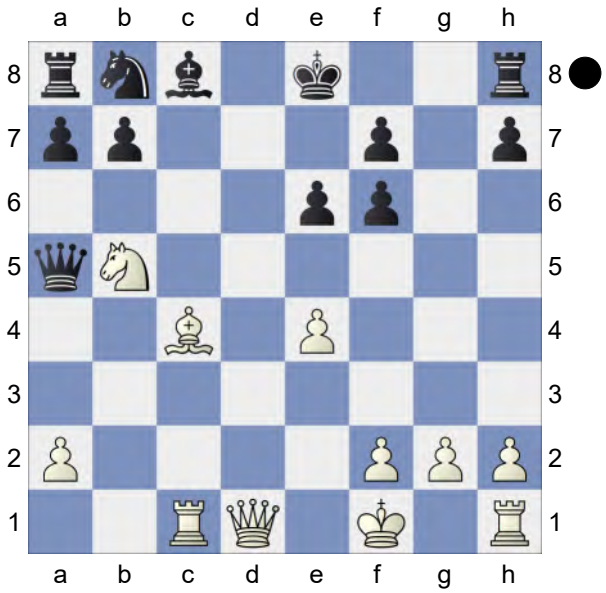
h2! 59.Kxh2 KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **59...Kd3 60.Kg3 Ke3 61.Kg4 f2 62.Kf5 f1Q+ 63.Ke6 Kd4 64.Kd6 Qf6+ 65.Kd7 Kc5** (-> ...Qf7+) **66.Ke8 Qg7** Black mates. **67.Kd8 Kd6 68.Ke8** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.06 (flawless)
68...Qe7#
0-1

46 **D39**
□ **Weiawaga** **2581**
■ **Spiritofthenewyear** **3103**
Blitz 11.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

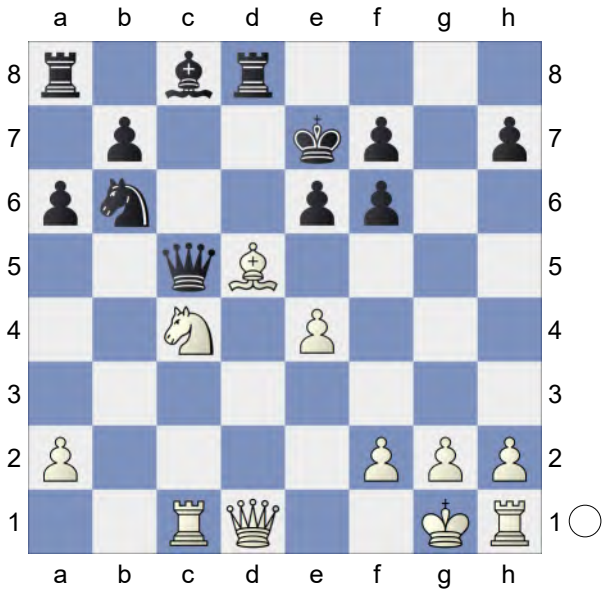
D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 gxf6 12.Rc1 Qa5 13.Nb5 -0.77/22

[13.h4± 0.37/20 stays ahead. Ke7 14.Rh3 Rd8 15.Rd3 Nc6 16.Nxc6+

bxc6 17.Rxd8 Qxd8 18.Qh5 Qd4 19.Qxh7 Rb8 20.Qh5 Rb2 21.Qf3 c5 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3 Bb7 24.Bd3 Rd2 25.Rc3 Rxa2 26.Rxc5 Kf8 27.Rc7 Ba6 28.Bxa6 ½-½ (36) Kazhgaleyev,M (2488)-Ivanchuk,V (2630) Masters Open 2024 (7.12)]



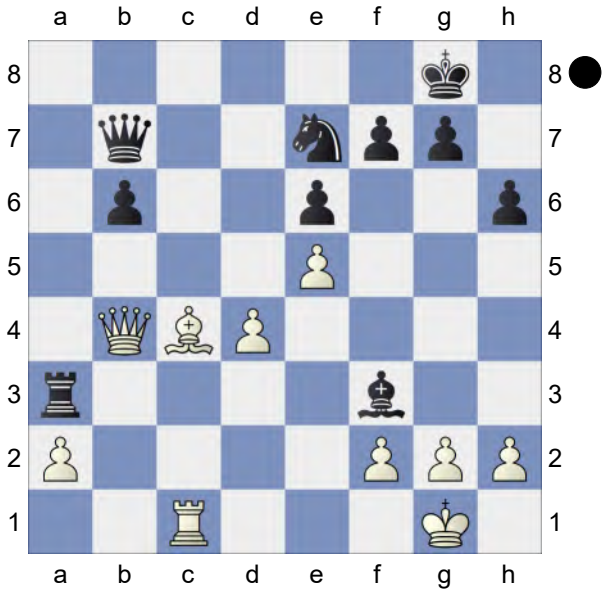
13...a6!∓ 14.Nd6+ -1.33/23
[⌓14.Nd4 -0.84/21]
14...Ke7 15.Bd5N -1.57/24
[15.Be2 Nc6 16.Nc4 Qc5 17.f4 Rd8 18.Qe1 Rd4 19.g3 Bd7 20.Kg2 Rxe4 21.Nd2 Rxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Qd5+ 23.Kf2 Nb4 D 39/14 2003]
[15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Nxf7 Rhe8 18.h4 Kxf7 19.Qxd7+ Re7 D 39/14 2003]
15...Nd7 Black is clearly better. **16.Nc4 Qb5**
[16...Qxa2? 17.Ra1 exd5 18.Rxa2+-]
17.Kg1 -2.58/23
[17.a4 -1.89/20 keeps fighting. Qb4 18.Ne3]
17...Rd8-+
[17...exd5 18.Ne3 Kf8 *(18...dxe4? 19.Nd5+ Kf8 20.Nc7-+)* 19.Nxd5-+]
18.Rb1? -3.43/24
[18.a4 -1.63/20 is the only way for White. Qb4 19.Ne3]
18...Qc5 19.Rc1 Nb6
[Don't play 19...exd5 20.Ne3 Qa5 21.Nxd5+ *(21.Nf5+? Ke8-+)* 21...Kf8 22.Qf3-+ *(22.Qh5? Kg7-+)*]



Hoping for ...Nxc4. Pin **20.Ne3 Qa5** Pin
21.Qc2? -5.67/23
[21.Rc7+ -2.62/19 Ke8 22.Qh5]
21...exd5 22.Qc7+ Ke8 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.exd5 Threatens to win with Rb1.
24...Qd2 25.Rf1 Nxd5 26.Qg3 Nc3
[Less strong is 26...Qxa2 27.Qg8+ Kd7 28.Qxf7+ Kc6 29.Qxh7∓]
27.Qg8+ Ke7 28.Ra1 Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nc1 30.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 31.Ke2 Qxh1 32.a4 Qxh2 33.f3 b5 Black mates.
34.Kf1 bxa4 35.Kf2 Rb8 36.Qg5 fxg5 37.Kf1 Rb2 38.f4 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.52/ Black=0.33
38...Qh1# Normal
0-1

47 **D39**
□ **admete_bot** **2473**
■ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3203**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e5 Bxc3+N
[9...Qd8 10.0-0 *(10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qa5+ 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.d5 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 exd5 16.Bxd5 Bd7 17.Ke3 Ke7 18.Rab1 Rab8 19.Rhd1 Rhd8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rdc1 Rb6 22.Rb4 Rxb4 23.axb4 Rb8 24.Nd4 Rxb4* ½-½ (30) Martinez Duany,L (2449)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2576) Merida Torre Memorial 34th 2024 (5) *)* 10...cxd4 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Qe2 Be7 *(12...Bd7 13.Rad1 Nc6 14.Ng3 Bc5 15.Qe4 Ne7 16.Qg4 Bc6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Qb6 19.Bd3 g6 20.h4 Kg7 21.h5 Qc6 22.Qg4 Nf5 23.Rc1 Qb6 24.Nh4 Nxh4 25.Qxh4 f5 26.exf6+ Rxf6 27.hxg6* 1-0 (39) Kasimdzhanov,R (2678)-Pruijssers,R (2475) Bundesliga 1112 2011 (13.8)*)* 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.Nh5 *(15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Bb1 Nd7 18.f4 Bc5 19.Kh1 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Nf8 21.Rfd1 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Qd4 26.g3 Nd7 27.b3 Nc5 28.Nf2 Kf8 29.Kg2 Ke7* ½-½ (41) Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2782)-Move Sidelines (2554) FIDE World Cup 2019*)* 15...g6 16.Bd3 Bc6 17.Nxd4 Nd7 18.Rfe1 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 20.Rxe5 gxh5 21.Nxc6 bxc6 22.Rxh5 Kg7 23.Kf1 Rfd8 24.Ke2 ß-ß (38) ♘d7 10.d4 (2765)-Sudgen,J (2770) Fagernes op-B 2023 (7.3)]
10.bxc3 Qe7 11.0-0 White is slightly better. **11...Nc6 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Qe2** With the idea Qe4. **13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bd7 15.Qe4 Nb4** Repels Bd3 **16.Qxb7 Rfb8! 17.Qe4 Bc6 18.Qe2 Rb6 19.Rfd1 Nd5 20.Qd2 Qb7 21.Rb3 Ne7 22.Rxb6 axb6 23.Be2** -0.56/23
[23.Ne1= -0.20/22 deserves consideration.]
23...Ra3 24.Rc1 -0.88/26
[24.Ra1∓ -0.38/23]
Black converts the advantage convincingly. **24...Bd5∓ 25.Bc4** -1.62/24
[25.Rc2∓ -0.78/22]
25...Bxf3-+ 26.Qb4



Qa7 27.gxf3 Rxf3 28.Be2 -3.06/23
[28.Bb3 -1.71/20 might work better.]

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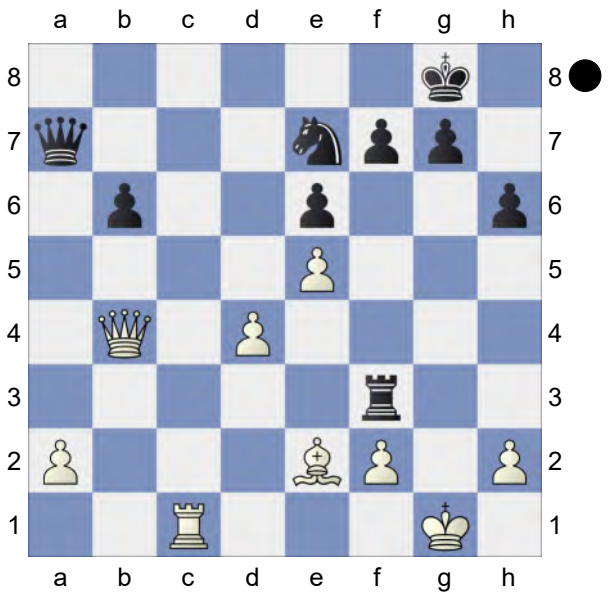
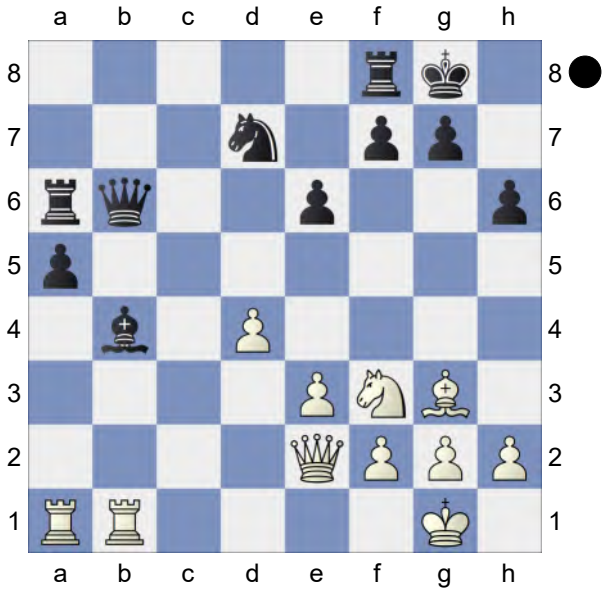


28...Rf4! 29.Qd2 g5 30.Rd1 -4.62/24
[⌓30.h3 -3.16/20]
30...Qa8 31.Rc1 Qd5 32.Bh5 Kg7 33.Qc3 Qxa2 34.Rc2 Qd5 35.Qc7 Qe4 36.Qc4 Prevents Nd5 **36...Rh4 37.Bd1 Qf4 38.h3 Rxh3** (-> ...Nd5) **39.Rc3 Rh4 40.Bf3** Repels Qe4 **40...Nf5 41.Bg2 Qh2+ 42.Kf1 Rg4 43.Qc6 Rxd4 44.Qf3** Inhibits Rd1+. **44...g4 45.Qe2 g3** ...Rf4 would now be deadly. **46.Rf3 gxf2 47.Qxf2 Rd1+ 48.Ke2 Ra1**
[And not 48...Qxe5+ 49.Kxd1 Qa1+ 50.Kd2=]
49.Rf4 Ra2+ 50.Ke1 Rxf2 51.Rg4+ Kf8 52.Kxf2 b5 53.Re4 Qg3+ 54.Kf1 Ne3+ 55.Rxe3 Qxe3 56.Bb7 Black mates. **56...b4 57.Bc6 b3 58.Ba4 Qf4+ 59.Ke2 Qxa4 60.Ke3 b2 61.Kf3 b1Q 62.Ke2 Qae4+ 63.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
63...Qbe1#
0-1

49 **D38**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
■ **Wei,Yi** **2740**
Tata Steel Masters TB blitz (2.1) 28.1.24
[TA]

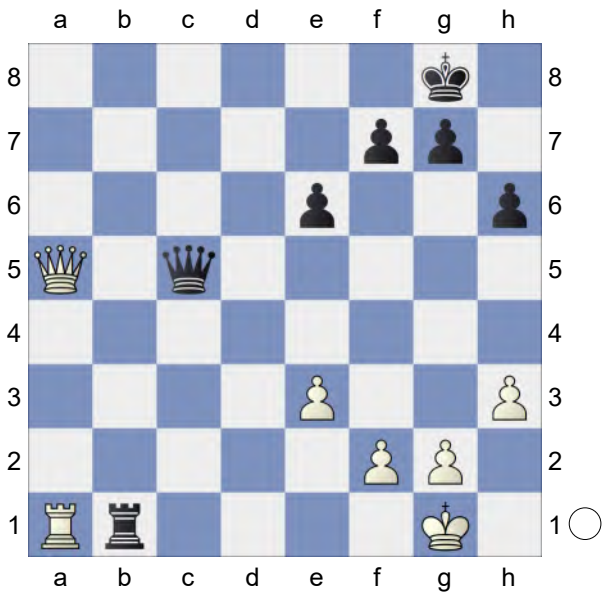
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 a5 6.Bg5 c6** 0.55/21
[6...c5= 0.18/20 7.dxc5 *(7.a3 a4 8.Qc2 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 e5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nb5 d4 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.e3 dxe3 15.fxe3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Na6 17.Bd3 Be6 18.e4 0-0-0 19.Ke3 Nc5 20.Be2 Rhg8 21.g3 Bg4* ½-½ Mikaelyan,A (2507)-Burke,J (2573) North American op 34th 2024 (7)*)* 7...Na6 8.a3 Nxc5 9.Qc2 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Nce4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxf6 Nxf6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.e4 Nf6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Ne5 Ke7 17.Rc1 Rhc8 18.Kd2 Be8 19.f4 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Bxd7 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 ½-½ Wang,H (2726)-Carlsen,M (2876) FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 (8)]
7.e3± h6N
[7...Nbd7 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qc2 f5 14.Rab1 Nd6 15.Nd2 f4 16.Bd3 dxc4 17.Nxc4 f3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Be2 Rh3 22.Ng3 0-1 Grandelius,N (2557)-Topalov,V (2774) EU-chT (Men) 19th 2013 (8.11) Qh4 23.Bc4 Nb6 24.Nf5 Qg4+ 25.Ng3 Bd7 26.f3 Rxg3+ 27.hxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kh1 Qh3+ 29.Kg1 Qg3+ 30.Kh1 Qh4+ 31.Kg1 Qg5+ 32.Kf2 Rf8 33.Ke2 Qf6 34.Rf2 Be8 35.Qb3 Nxc4 36.Qxc4 Bh5 37.Rbf1 0-1 Winkler,T (2557)-11... ♕c7 12.

♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2774) USSR 54/(161) 1991 (8.11)]
8.Bh4 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.a3 Be7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bg3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Bd3 Ba6 15.0-0 c5 16.Rfd1** 0.28/22 White is much more active.
[16.Rfb1± 0.65/22]
16...Qb6= 17.Qe2 b4 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.axb4 cxb4 20.cxb4 Bxb4 21.Rdb1



Rfa8 22.Ne1 Qc6 23.Rc1 Qd5 24.Nd3 Bd6 0.00/22
[Black should play 24...Bf8∓ -0.64/20]
25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Nc5 Rc6 27.Qb5 Black must now prevent Nxd7. **27...Qc7 28.h3 Nxc5 29.Rxc5 Rxc5 30.dxc5** Endgame KQR-KQR **30...Rb8 31.Qa6**
[31.Qxa5? too greedy. Rb1+ 32.Rxb1 Qxa5-+]
31...Qxc5 32.Qxa5 Rb1+

(Diagram)

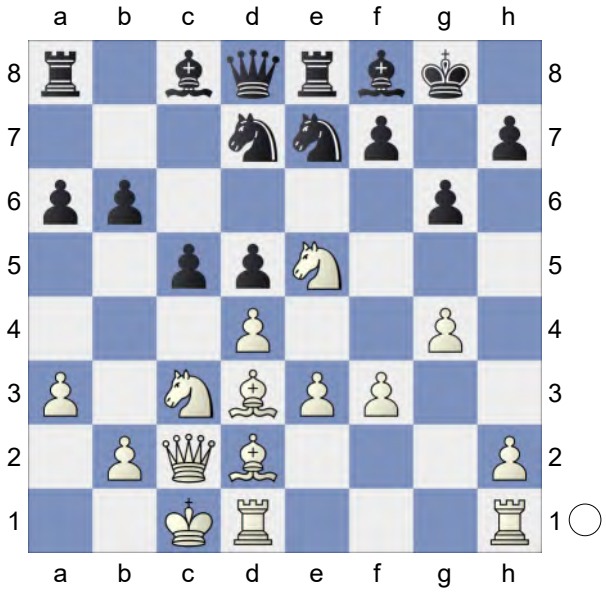


Deflection **33.Kh2! Qd6+ 34.g3 Rb2 35.Qa8+ Kh7 36.Qf3 f5 37.Kg2 Qe5 38.Rc1 Ra2 39.h4 Rd2 40.h5 Qd5 41.Qxd5 Rxd5** KR-KR **42.Rc6 e5 43.Kf3 Rd2** 0.56/8
[43...Kg8= 0.04/5]
44.Re6 0.07/7
[44.Rc5± 0.56/8]
44...e4+ 45.Kg2 Rd5 Inhibits Re5. **46.Re8 g5 47.hxg6+** 0.01/31
[47.g4± 0.37/19 might be stronger.]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
47...Kxg6
½-½

48 **D38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel-A 86th (13) 28.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

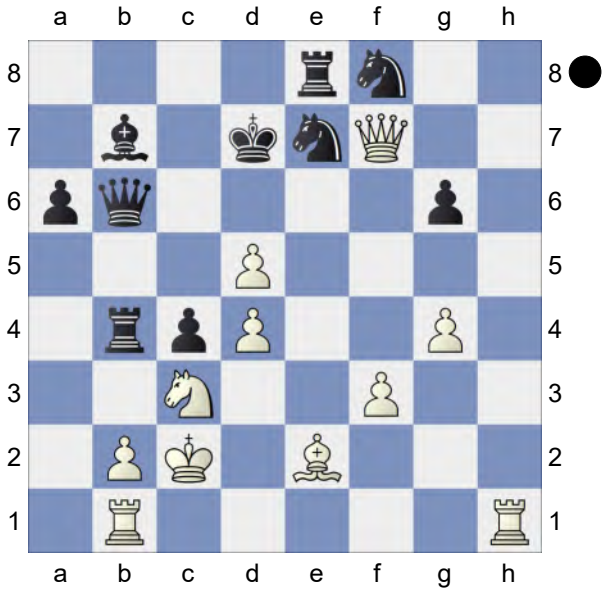
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd2 Re8 9.a3** White has an edge. **9...Bf8**

10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 -0.06/22
[11.Bb5± 0.34/21 Bd7 12.0-0]
11...Ne7= 12.Ne5 a6 Prevents Bd3-b5
13.g4 g6 14.f3 c5 15.0-0-0! Nd7N
[15...c4 16.Be2 b5 17.h4 Qb6 18.h5 a5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.e4 b4 21.Na4 Qxd4 22.Bf4 Qf2 23.Rdf1 Qa7 24.Bd1 Chapter Ragozin-7... Re8 9.a3 b6/a6 2020]



16.Nxf7 -1.13/20 **Kxf7∓ 17.h4 b5 18.h5 c4 19.Bf1** -1.21/19
[⌓19.hxg6+ -0.78/21 hxg6 20.Bf1]
19...Bg7 20.e4
[20.hxg6+ Nxg6 *(20...hxg6 21.e4∓)* 21.f4 Nf6∓]
20...Nf8 21.hxg6+ hxg6 22.Be3 Rb8 23.Qh2 Rb7 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. **24.Be2?** -2.57/18
[24.Bh6∓ -0.77/17]
24...b4-+ 25.axb4 Rxb4 26.Bh6 Bxh6+ 27.Qxh6 Qa5! ...Qa5-a1+ is the strong threat. **28.Kc2 Qb6 29.Qf4+ Ke6?** -0.42/21
[29...Kg8 30.Kc1∓]
[29...Bf5-+ -2.57/19 30.Rb1 g5 *(30...Qxd4 31.gxf5 Nxf5 32.Nxd5=; 30...Ne6 31.Qe5=)*]

30.Rb1 -1.30/26
[30.b3∓ -0.42/21 cxb3+ *(30...Rxb3? 31.Na4∓)* 31.Kb2]
30...Kd7∓
[30...Qxd4? 31.exd5++-]
31.exd5 Bb7
[31...Nxd5 32.Nxd5 *(32.Qf7+ Ne7±)* 32...Rxe2+ *(32...Rxb2+? 33.Rxb2 Rxe2+ 34.Kd1+-)* 33.Kd1+-]
32.Qf7



Rb8! And now ...Rb4xb2+! would win.
[32...Qxd4? 33.Rhd1 Qc5 34.d6+- *(34.Ne4 Qe3+-)*]
33.d6 -2.27/19
[33.b3∓ -1.55/18 is a better defense. cxb3+ *(33...Rxb3 34.Bxc4 Rxb1 35.Rxb1+-)* 34.Kb2]
33...Qxd6-+
[33...Kxd6 34.Bxc4 *(34.Qf4+? Kd7-+)* 34...Rxc4 *(34...Qxd4? 35.Rhd1+- Pin)* 35.Qxc4=]
34.d5

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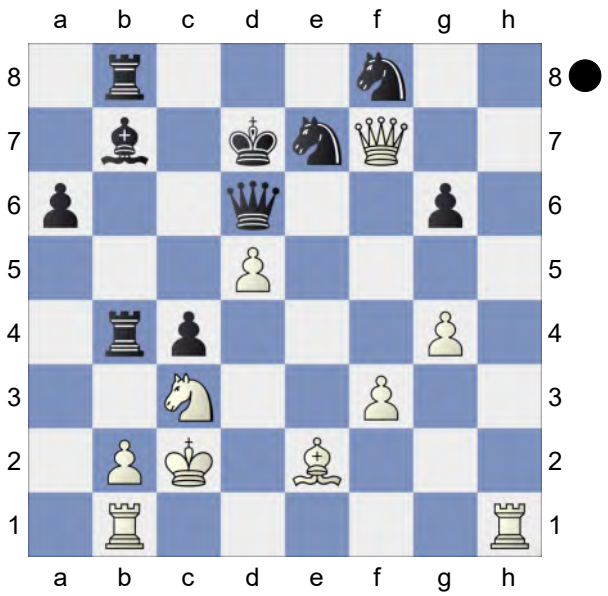
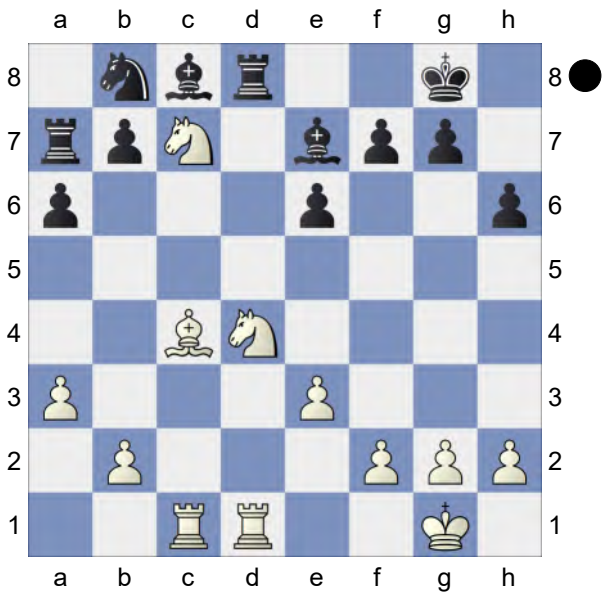


Wards off Nf8-e6 **34...Ba8** -0.93/20
[Stronger than 34...Bxd5 35.Nxd5 Qe5 *(35...Qxd5 36.Rhd1+-* Pin *)* 36.Qxe7+ *(36.Nxb4 Qxe2+ 37.Kc1 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Rxb4=)* 36...Qxe7 37.Nxe7 Kxe7 38.Kc3=]
[34...g5!-+ -2.37/19 35.Ne4 Qg6 *(35...Qxd5? 36.Nf6+ Kd6 37.Nxd5+-)*]
35.Rh8? -4.69/22
[35.Rhd1∓ -0.93/20]
35...Bxd5
[Weaker is 35...Qb6 36.Rxf8 Rxb2+ 37.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8∓]
36.Nxd5 Qxd5 37.Rxf8 Qe5 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8 c3 (→ ...c3-c2+)
[Less strong is 39...Rxb2 40.Rxb2 Qxb2 41.Qf4=]
40.Ke1 Rxb2 41.Rd1+ Ke6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

50 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2481**
■ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3168**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

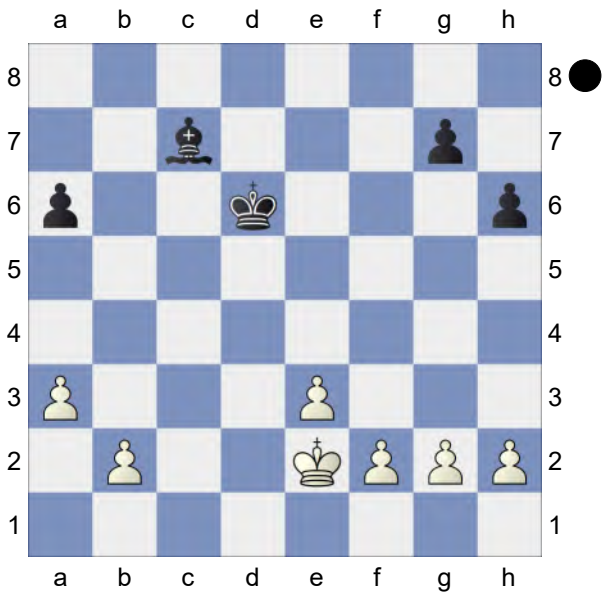
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Qxd4
[11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 *(12.exd4 Rd8 13.a3 Ba5 14.Rc2 Nd7 15.Re2 Nf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Ne5 Be8 19.b4 Bc7 20.g3 Nd5 21.Rc1 a5 22.b5 Qg5 23.Qc2 Bb6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Ned3 Qf6 26.Qb2 Rbc8* 1-0 (40) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-R Of B, F (2550) Budapest Vezerkepzo Christmas GM 2022 (3.4)*)* 12...Ba5 13.Qxd4 Rd8 14.Qc5 Qxc5 15.Nxc5 Nd7 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.a4 Nf6 18.Be2 Ne8 19.a5 Bc7 20.Rc2 Kf8 21.Rfc1 Bd6 22.Nc5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.Ne4 Bb7 25.Nxd6 Nxd6 ½-½ (31) Bu Xiangzhi (2718)-Wei Yi (2734) CHN Team Men 2018 (3.1)]
11...Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Rd8N The position is equal.
[12...Bd7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rd1 Rfd8 D 39/03-N,N 2003]
13.Ncb5 Nc7 would now be deadly.
13...a6 14.Nc7 -0.68/21
[14.Nc3= -0.21/22 deserves consideration.]
14...Ra7∓ 15.Rfd1! Be7 16.a3 -1.46/22
[White should play 16.f4!∓ -0.42/21]

(Diagram)



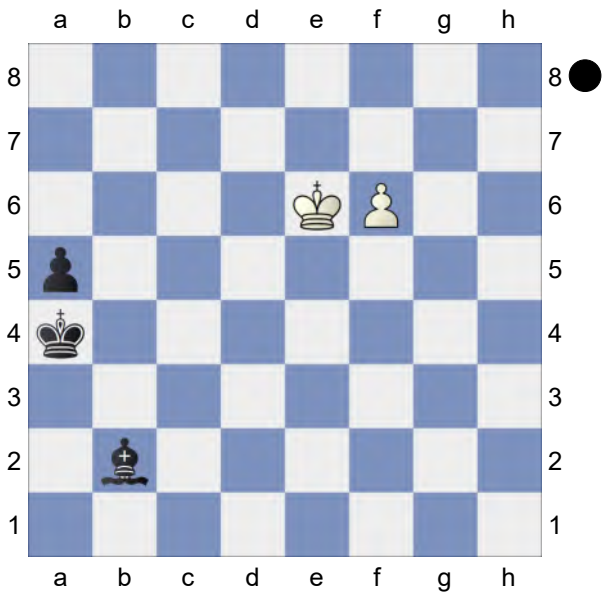
16...Bd7!∓ 17.Ndxe6 -2.03/26 **Bxe6-+**
This pair of bishops is nice.
[17...fxe6 18.Nxe6 b5 19.Nxd8+∓]
18.Rxd8+ Bxd8 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kf8 21.Rc8 -2.88/24
[21.g3 -1.84/20 keeps fighting.]
21...Nc6 22.Bd7 Ke7 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Rxc6 Rc7 25.Rxc7+ Bxc7
Endgame **26.Kf1?** -6.26/24
[26.f4 -3.05/23 g5 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.Kf2]
26...Kd6
[26...Bxh2 27.g3±]
27.Ke2

(Diagram)



Kc5! 28.Kd3 Be5
[28...Bxh2 29.g3∓]
29.b3 Bb2
[Less strong is 29...Bxh2 30.g3∓]
30.a4 Kb4 31.Kc2 Be5 32.g3 a5 33.f4 Bc3 34.e4 Bf6 35.e5 Be7 36.h3 Kc5 ...Kd4 is the strong threat. **37.Kd3 Kd5 38.Ke3 g6 39.h4 h5 40.Kf3 Kd4 41.g4 hxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Ke4 43.e6 Kd5 44.h5 gxh5+**
[44...Kxe6? 45.hxg6 Kf6 46.f5∓]
45.Kxh5 Kxe6 KB-K3P **46.Kg4 Kd5 47.Kf5 Bd6 48.Kg5 Kc5** Black mates. **49.f5 Kb4 50.Kf6 Kxb3** KB-KPP **51.Ke6 Ba3 52.f6 Kxa4** KB-KP **53.Ke5 Bb2+ 54.Ke6**

(Diagram)

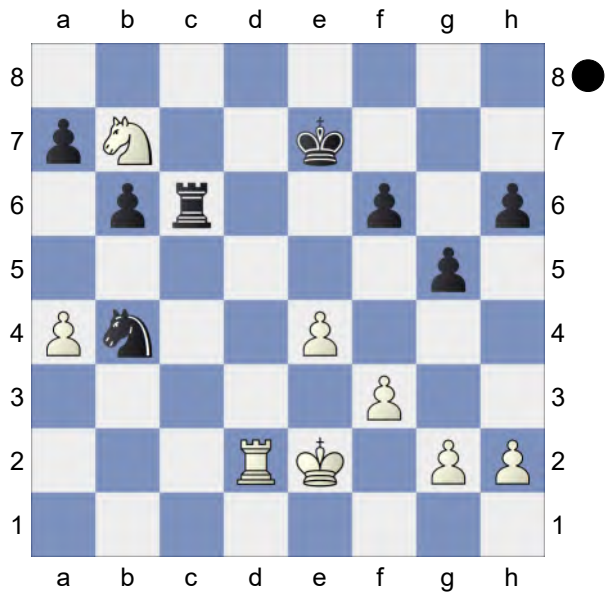


Bxf6! 55.Kxf6 KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **55...Kb5 56.Kg5 a4 57.Kg6 a3 58.Kf5 a2 59.Kg6 a1Q**
[And not 59...a1B 60.Kh7=]
60.Kf5 Kc5 61.Ke6 Qd4 62.Kf5 Kd6 63.Kg6 Ke6 64.Kg5 Qb4 65.Kg6 Qg4+ 66.Kh6 Kf6 67.Kh7 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
67...Qg7#
0-1

51 **D38**
□ **ChessatronBot** **2454**
■ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3149**
Rapid 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

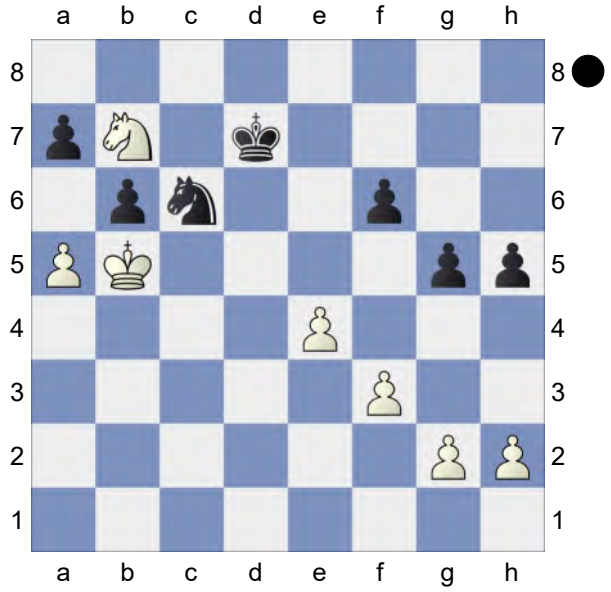
Blitz 8min D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Bd7 The position is equal. **15.c4N** Threatening cxd5.
[15.f3 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Kf8 *(16...Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Ra5 20.Bd3 Ra2+ 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Rc5 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb4 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ke7 27.Rd4 g5 28.h3 Ra5 29.Kc2 Rc5 30.Kd2 Ra5 31.c4* ½-½ (38) Ghazarian,K (2475)-Blohberger,F (2501) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (4) *dxc4 32.Rxc4 Ne8 33.Re4+ Kf8 34.Rd4 Ke7 35.Re4+ Kf8 36.Rd4 Ke7 37.Re4+ Kf8 38.Rd4 Ke7* ½-½ Swiatkowski,D (2475)-Charpentier,R (2501) Bundesliga 2010/11 (4)*)* 17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Bf5 Rc7 19.Rd4 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6 21.Bd3 Rxc5 22.Kd2 Rac8 23.Ra1 a6 24.Ra3 R5c6 25.b4 Ke7 26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Rb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 29.Raa4 Rc7 ½-½ (56) Le,Q (2739)-Wei,Y (2755) Prague Masters 7th 2025 (9)]
15...Rfc8 16.cxd5 And now c6! would win. **16...Rxc5 17.d6 Rd8 18.f3 Ba4 19.Rb1 b6 20.Rb4 Ra5 21.Bc4** Repels Nd5 **21...Rxd6 22.Kf2 Nd5 23.Nf5 Nxb4 24.Nxd6 Kf8 25.Nb7** Prevents Rc5
[25.Nxf7? Rc5 26.Nd6 Ke7-+]
[25.Bxf7 Nd3+ 26.Ke2 Ne5-+]
25...Rf5 26.Rb1 Nc6 27.e4 Rf6 28.Ke3 g5 29.Bb5 Bxb5 30.Rxb5∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **30...Ke7 31.Rd5 Nb4! 32.Rd2 Rc6 33.a4** -0.88/24
[33.g3∓ -0.39/22]
33...f6∓ This move loses the game for White. **34.Ke2?** -5.40/24
[34.Rd1∓ -1.02/22 is more resistant.]

(Diagram)



34...Rc2!-+ 35.Rxc2 Nxc2 KN-KN **36.Kd2 Nb4 37.Kc3 Nc6 38.Kc4 Kd7 39.Kb5 h5 40.a5** -6.57/27

[⌓40.Ka6 -4.65/26 Kc7 41.g3]



40...Kc7! 41.a6 h4 42.Kc4 Kd7 43.Kb5 Ne5 44.Kb4 g4

[44...h3 45.gxh3 Nxf3 46.Kc4-+]

45.fxg4 Nxg4 46.Kc4 Nxh2 47.e5 fxe5 48.Kd5

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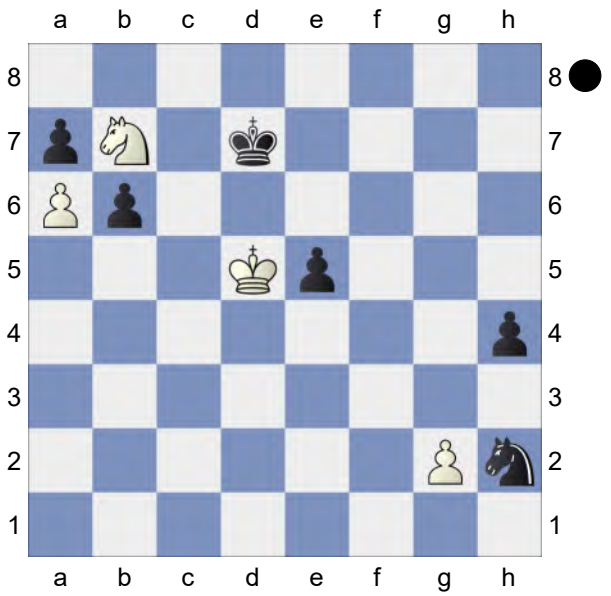
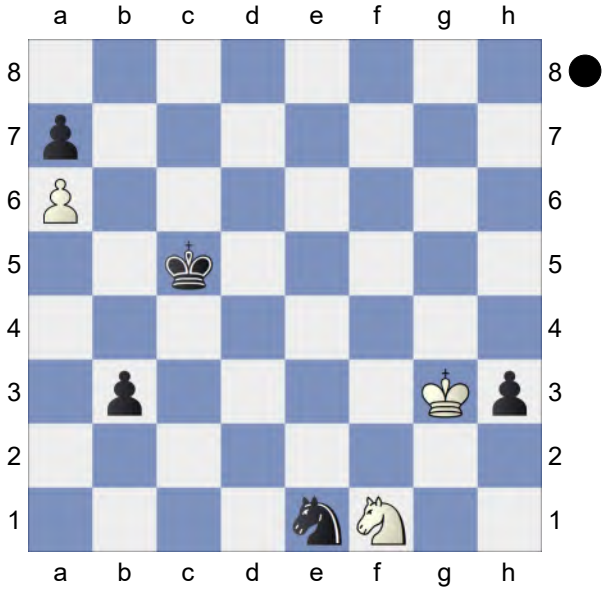


Nf3! Deflection, Promotion **49.Nd6**

[49.Ke4 Ne1]

49...Ne1 50.Nf7 Nxg2 51.Nxe5+ Kc7 52.Ke4 Ne1 53.Kf4 b5 54.Kg4 Kd6 (-> ...h3) **55.Kf4 h3 56.Ng4 b4 57.Kg3 b3 58.Ne3 Kc5** (-> ...b2) **59.Nf1**



h2! Promotion **60.Kxh2 b2 61.Nd2**

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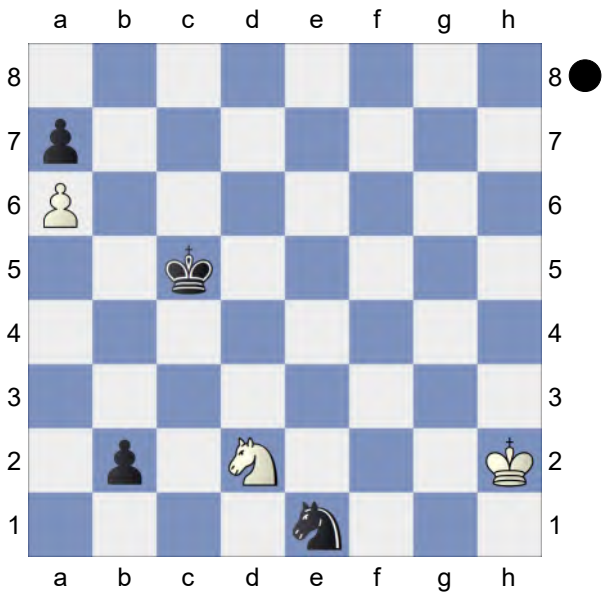
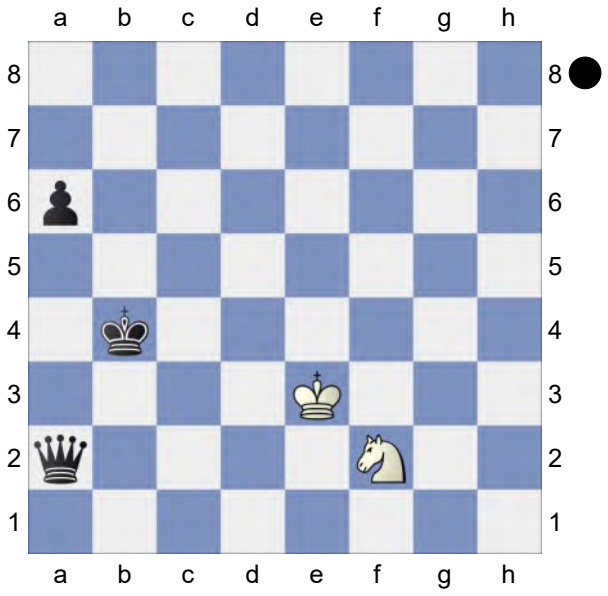


Nf3+! Deflection, Promotion **62.Nxf3 b1Q**
[62...b1B 63.Ne5=]
63.Kg3 Qd3 64.Kf4 Qxa6 (-> ...Qf6+) **65.Ke3 Qa2 66.Ng5 a6** (-> ...a5) **67.Ne4+ Kb4** Threatens to win with ... Qa3+. **68.Nf2**



Qxf2+!! Black mates. **69.Kxf2** KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **69...a5 70.Ke1 Kb3 71.Kd1 Kb2 72.Ke1 a4 73.Kd1 a3 74.Ke2 a2 75.Ke3 a1Q**
[Not 75...a1B 76.Kf4=]
76.Kf4 Qa5 77.Ke4 Kc2 78.Kf4 Kd3 79.Kg4 Ke3 80.Kh3 Qg5 81.Kh2 Kf3 82.Kh3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.03 (flawless)
82...Qh5#
0-1

52 **D38**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2734**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2727**
10th Sinquefield Cup (1.1) 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
I had a mediocre to bad tournament in Wijk, as I lost two games (to Harikrishna and Hou Yifan) and managed to win just one (though against Fabiano). Obviously I had enough reasons to be ambitious.
Ich hatte ein mittelmäßiges bis schlechtes Turnier in Wijk, denn ich verlor zwei Partien (gegen Harikrishna und Hou Yifan) und konnte nur eine gewinnen (allerdings gegen Fabiano). Offenkundig hatte ich allen Grund, ehrgeizig zu sein. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3**

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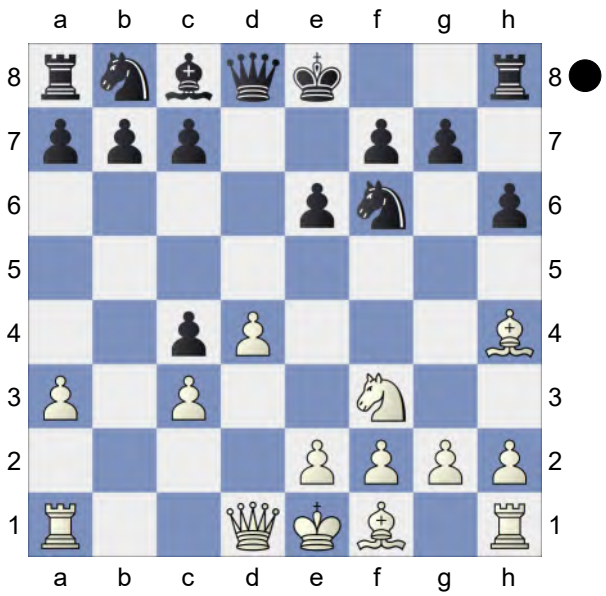


c5 0.33/26
[8...Bd7 9.Nd2 b5 10.e4 Bc6 11.a4 a6 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8 14.Qb1 Bc6 15.Be2 Nbd7 16.e5 g5 17.Bg3 Nd5 18.Ne4 Qa8 19.0-0 Nf4 20.Bf3 Nd3 21.Nf6+ Nxf6 22.Bxc6+ Qxc6 23.exf6 1-0 (37) Batsiashvili,N (2467)-Mammadzada,G (2426) EU-Cup (Women) 28th 2024 (7.2)]
9.e3N White is slightly better.
[9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e3 b5 *(10...Nc6 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.a4 Qe7 15.Qb1 Rab8 16.Qe4 cxd4 17.exd4 Qf6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Rfe1 Ne7 20.c4 Nf5 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 Re8 23.Ne5 Qd6 24.f4 f6 25.Kh1* ½-½ (52) Giri,A (2720)-Carlsen,M (2861) Tata Steel-A 75th 2013 (13) *h5 26.Qe2 Rbd8 27.Bc4 Re7 28.Qb2 Rde8 29.Nf3 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 Qxf4 31.Bd3 Qe3 32.h3 Ng3+ 33.Kh2 Qf4 34.Kg1 h4 35.Qf2 Qxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Ne4+ 37.Kg1 g5 38.a5 Nd6 39.Nf3 Rc8 40.a6* 1-0 (52) Karjakin,S (2780)-Van Wely,L (2679) Tata Steel-A 75th 2013 (13)) 11.a4 b4 12.cxb4 cxb4 13.Bxc4 0-0 14.a5 Nc6 15.0-0 Rb8 16.a6 Rb6 17.Nd2 e5 18.d5 Nb8 19.Ne4 Qg6 20.f3 Bxa6 21.Qb3 f5 22.Nc5 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rc8 ½-½ (43) Ipatov,A (2644)-Dragun,K (2569) Pan-Am Intercollegiate rapid 2021 (4) 24.d6+ Kh7 25.Ne6 Rxc4 26.Nf8+ Kg8 27.Nxg6 Rxd6 28.Ne7+ Kf7 29.Nxf5 Rd7 30.Rxa7 Rxa7 31.Nd6+ Ke6 32.Nxc4 Rc7 33.Nd2 Rc2 34.Rd1 Nc6 35.Kf1 Na5 36.Ke1 b3 37.Rb1 Kd5 38.Nxb3 Nxb3 ½-½ (43) Berclaz,P (2644)-Feldmuss,A (2569) RUS GP Top 28 Rapid 2022 (4)]
9...Qd5 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxc4 Nc6 12.Rb1 Na5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.c4 Ne7 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.0-0 b6 17.Rfc1 Nf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.d5 f6 20.Bg3 Kf7 21.Nd2 Rce8 22.Rc3 g5 23.f3 h5 24.h4 f4! 25.exf4 Bf5 26.Re1 Rxe1+ The position is equal. **27.Bxe1 Re8 28.Kf1 gxf4 29.Kf2** Prevents Re3. **29...Kg6 30.Nb3 Nxb3 31.Rxb3=** Endgame Bd2 is the strong threat. KRB-KRB **31...Bc2 32.Rc3 Ba4 33.Bd2 Kf5 34.g3 fxg3+ 35.Kxg3 Re2 36.Bf4 Rc2 37.Rxc2 Bxc2** KB-KB **38.Bb8 a6 39.Ba7 Ke5 40.Bxb6 Kd6 41.Ba7 Bd3 42.Bb8+ Kd7 43.Ba7 Kd6 44.Bb8+ Kd7 45.Ba7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
45...Kd6
½-½

53 **D38**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2726**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2758**
Armageddon Grand Final W (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6**

2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Qc2 h6! is recently more successful than 7...c5. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...c5. **8.Bh4 c5** has lost popularity (8...g5). verliert an Beliebtheit (8...g5). **9.dxc5N** -0.15/20

[9.e3± 0.51/18 Qa5 *(9...c4 10.Be2 Qa5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Rfc1 Nb6 14.a4 Bf5 15.Qb2 0-0 16.Bd1 Rfe8 17.Ra2 f6 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Nf1 Nxa4 20.Qxb7 Red8 21.Bxa4 Bxa4 22.f3 Rdb8 23.Rxa4 Qxa4 24.Qxd5+ 7.♗d3 ♕h5 8.00-Baliasnyj,T Yerevan (ol) 67/43 1996)* 10.Bd3 c4 11.Bf5 g6 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rae1 Nb6 15.Ne5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qa4 17.Qb1 Qe8 18.f3 Kg7 19.h3 h5 20.e4 f6 21.exd5 fxe5 22.Rxe5 Qa4 23.Rfe1 Bf5 24.Qc1 ½-½ Leko,P (2731)-Aronian,L (2797) Moscow Petrosian Memorial 2014 (4)]

9...Qa5= 10.Nd4N The position is equal.

[Vorgänger: 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.e3 Ne4 12.Nd2 -0.64/20 *(*Better is *12.Bd3=* -0.14/18 *)* 12...Nxc3∓ 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Bb4 15.Bd3 0-0 16.Ke2 0-1 Izod,C (1882)-Berry,N (2267) Newcastle on Tyne op 2018 (3)]

10...Ne4 11.Nb3 Qa4 12.a3 -0.87/20

[12.f3∓ -0.44/19 might be stronger. Nxc3 *(12...Nexc5 13.Bf2=)* 13.bxc3]

12...Bxc3+∓

[12...Nexc5 13.axb4 Qxb3 14.Qxb3 Nxb3 15.Ra3+-]

13.bxc3 Ndxc5 14.Nd4 Qxc2 15.Nxc2 Nxc3 Black is much more active. A dynamic duo of knights. **16.Nd4** Prevents Nb3. White is weak on the light squares **16...Bd7 17.Rc1 N3a4 18.f3 Rc8 19.Kd2** Prevents Nd3. **19...b5 20.e3 Nb6 21.Rb1 a6 22.Be2 Nc4+ 23.Bxc4 dxc4**

[23...bxc4 24.Rhc1∓]

24.e4 0-0 -0.84/18

[24...h5-+ -1.73/19 25.Rhd1 Rh6]

25.Rhd1? -2.43/20

[25.Be7∓ -0.84/18]

25...Rfe8 26.g4 Rb8 27.Bg3 Rb7 -0.92/19

[Black should try 27...Rb6 -1.29/19 28.Kc2 Nd3]

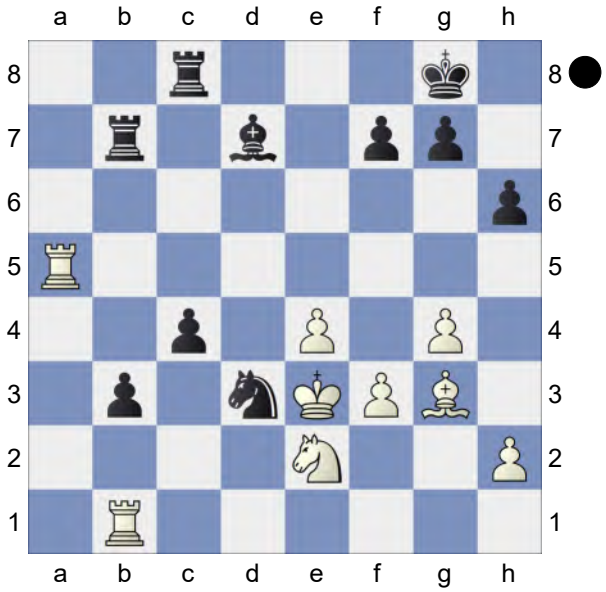
28.Bd6 Rc8 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **29.Ke3** -1.77/18

[29.Bxc5!∓ -0.44/18 Rxc5 30.Kc3]

29...a5-+ 30.Rdc1 -2.77/20

[30.Bxc5∓ -1.53/17 Rxc5 31.h4]

30...Nd3 31.Rc2 Rb6 32.Bg3 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.Ra2 Rb7 Wards off Ra7 **35.Ra5 b3 36.Ne2**



c3? -1.10/22 **37.Nxc3?** -3.16/20

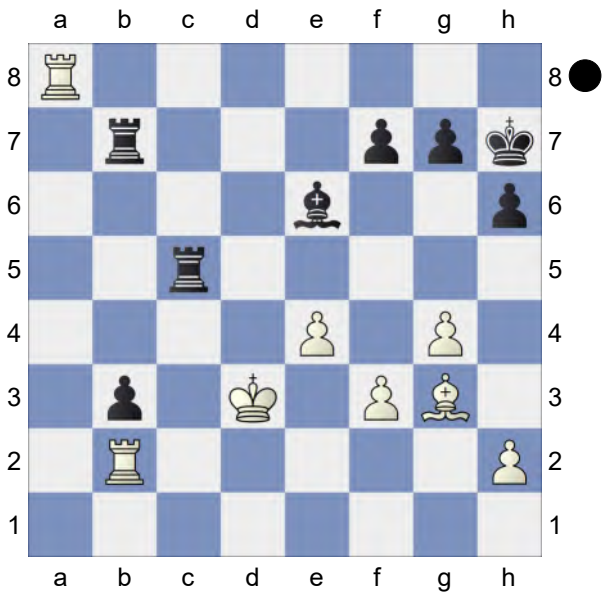
[37.Kxd3∓ -1.10/22 c2 38.Rb2]

37...Rxc3 38.Kd2 Rc5 39.Ra8+ Kh7 40.Kxd3 Be6 -1.75/19

[⌓40...Bb5+ -3.17/23 41.Kd4 Rc4+ 42.Ke3 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 Bd3]

41.Rb2

(Diagram)

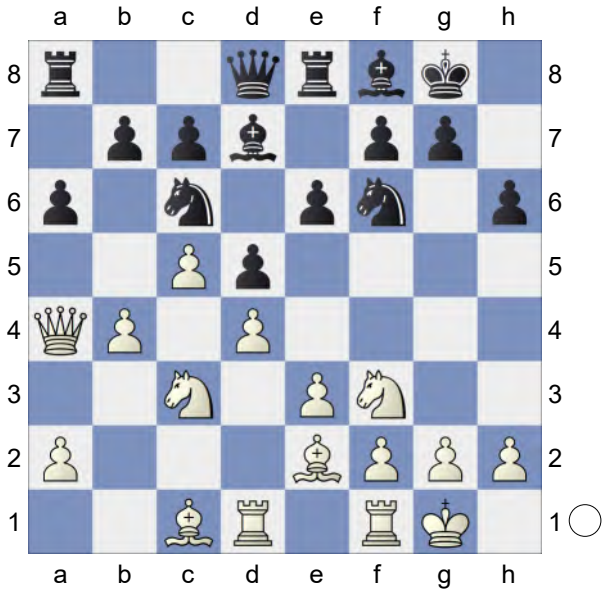


Rd7+ 42.Ke3? -4.26/18
[42.Ke2 -1.90/19]
42...Rc3+ 43.Ke2 Bc4+ 44.Kf2 Rdd3 45.Rc8 Rxf3+ 46.Kg1 Rf1+ 47.Kg2 Rc2+ 48.Rxc2 bxc2 49.Rxc4 c1Q
[49...c1R 50.Rxc1 Rxc1 51.Kf3∓]
50.Rxc1 Rxc1 Endgame KR-KB
51.Kf3? -5.60/20
[51.h4 -3.36/18 was forced.]
51...Rc3+ 52.Kf2 Kg6 53.Be5 Rb3 54.Bf4 h5 55.gxh5+ Kxh5 56.Bd6 Kg4 57.Be5 g6 58.Ke2 Rb5 59.Bd6 Rb3 60.Be5 Kh3 61.Kf2 Rb5 62.Bd6 Rb2+ 63.Kf3 Rb6 64.Bc7 Rf6+ 65.Ke3 Kg2 66.Be5 Re6 67.Bb8 f5 68.e5 g5 White must now prevent ... Re8!. **69.Kd4 f4 70.Kd5 Re8 71.Ba7 f3 72.Ke4 f2**
[Weaker is 72...Kxh2 73.Kxf3 Kh3 *(73...Rxe5 74.Bb8=* Pin *)* 74.Ke4-+]
73.Bxf2 Kxf2 74.Kf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.26 (precise)
74...Kg2
0-1

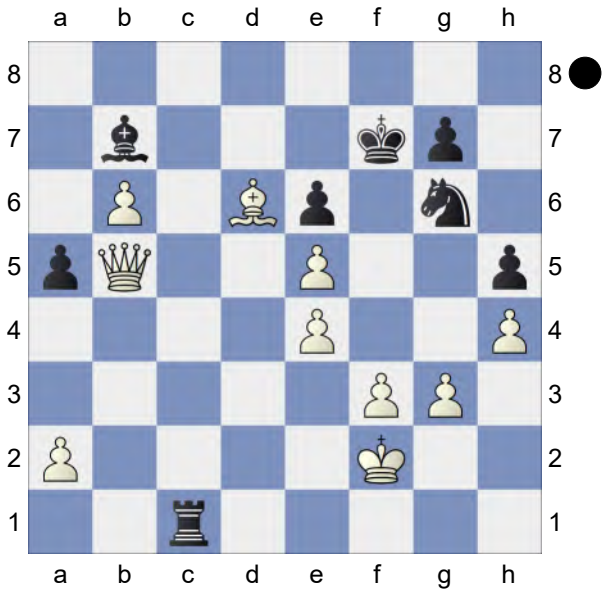
54 **D38**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2693**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2786**
AI Cup Div 2 W rapid (2.4) 26.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 Re8 8.Rd1 Bf8 0.38/22
[8...Bd6= -0.01/19 deserves consideration.]
[8...a6 9.a3 *(9.h3 h6 10.Bc1 Bd7 11.Qc2 Bd6 12.a3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 e5 14.0-0 exd4 15.exd4 b5 16.Ba2 b4 17.Nd5 Rb8 18.Bb1 Nxd5 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qxg7 Be6 22.Rfe1 Kd7 23.Bxh6 Qf6* 0-1 (24) Barria Zuniga,D (2341)-Svane,F (2664) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late blitz 2025 (2)*)* 9...Bd6 10.Bc1 h6 11.Qc2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 Bg4 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bxg4 Nxg4 17.h3 Nf6 18.0-0 Qe7 19.Rd4 Re8 20.Rfd1 Qe6 11.♗d2 (2668)-5.♗g2 ♗b4 6.♘bd2 (2592) Srbija i Crna 88/(447) 2003]
9.Be2± a6 The position is equal. **10.0-0 h6N** 0.60/20
[10...dxc4= 0.11/20 11.Qxc4 Bd7]
[10...Rb8 11.Qc2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Bc1 Nb4 15.Qb1 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 b4 18.Bd2 Qd5 19.Ne1 Ne4 20.Bc1 Bd6 21.Bf3 Qf5 22.Qd3 Red8 23.Qe2 c5 24.dxc5 Qxc5 25.Nd3 0-1 (38) Turzo,A (2298)-Horvath,D (2501) HUN-chT 2223 2022 (4.4)]
11.Bc1 0.08/20
[11.Ne5± 0.60/20]
11...Bd6 0.71/22

[11...Bd7= 0.08/20 12.Qc2 dxc4]
12.c5± Bf8 13.b4! Bd7



Strongly threatening ...Nxd4!. **14.Qb3 b6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nh7 17.cxb6** White is more active. **17...cxb6 18.e4** 0.37/20
[18.Bd3± 0.76/20]
18...a5 1.68/22
[18...Qc7± 0.37/20]
19.b5+-
[19.exd5 axb4 20.Nb5 exd5±]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
19...Bc5 3.07/20
[19...Qc7± 1.28/21]
20.Na4
[20.exd5 exd5 21.Qxd5 *(21.Rxd5 Qe7±; 21.Nxd5 Rxe5 22.Bc4 Bg4±)* 21...Bf5±]
20...d4 21.Bb2 Bc8 22.Nxc5 bxc5 23.Qc4 Bb7 24.Qxc5 Qh4 25.f3
White is clearly winning.
[25.Rxd4 Rac8 26.Qa3 Red8+-]
[25.Bxd4 Rec8+-]
[25.Qxd4 Nf8 26.f3 Rac8+-]
25...Nf8 26.Qxd4
[Weaker is 26.Bxd4 Rec8+-]
26...Ng6 27.g3 Wards off Nf4 **27...Qh5 28.Qf2 Rac8 29.Rd2** Against Rc2
29...Qg5 30.Rfd1 Ba8 31.b6 Rb8 32.Rd7 Nf8 33.Rc7 h5 34.h4 Qg6 35.Kh2 Qh6 36.Bc1 Qg6 37.Qe3 Nh7 38.Rdd7 Nf8 39.Rxf7 Qxf7 40.Rxf7 Kxf7 41.Ba3 Rec8 42.Bd6 Rb7 43.Ba6 Rc2+ 44.Kg1 Ng6 45.Bxb7 Bxb7 46.Qb3 Rc6 47.Qb5 Rc1+ 48.Kf2

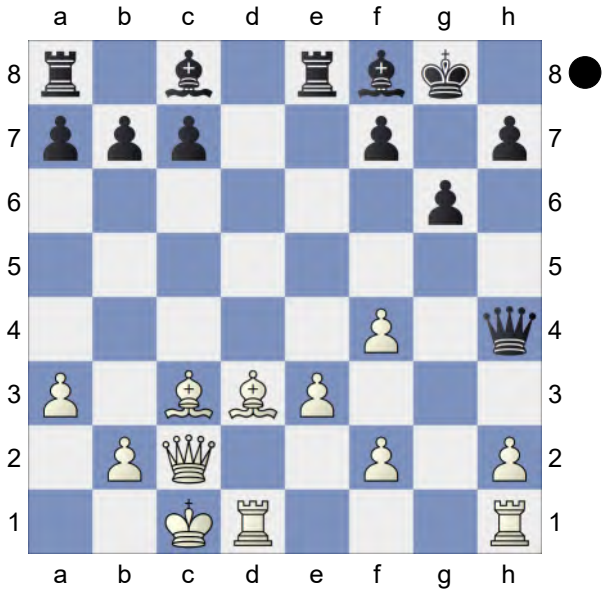


Rc2+ 49.Ke1 Threatens to win with Qd7+. **49...Kg8 50.Qd7 Ba6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.56
51.b7
1-0

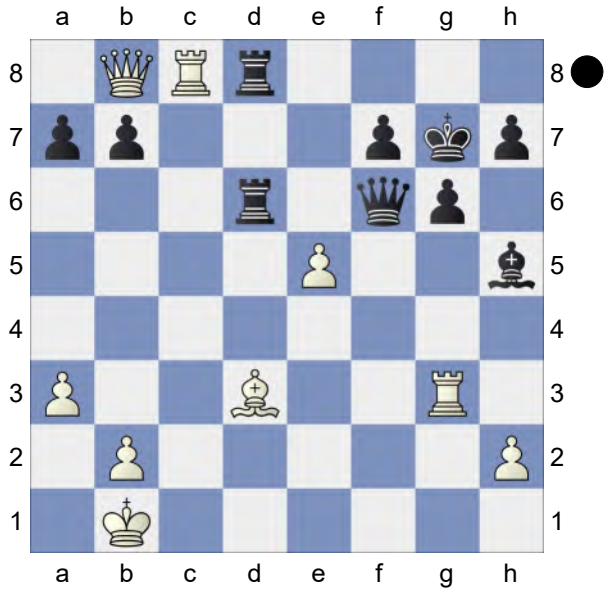
55 **D38**
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2648**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2643**
2nd Kasimdzhanov Cup 2024 (7.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 Bf8 9.a3 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.Bd3

Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qh4 15.0-0-0 g6 16.f4N
[16.Be4 Bg7 17.Qa4 Qe7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.h4 Qc5+ 20.Kb1 Bf5 21.h5 b5 22.Qa6 Rxe4 23.h6+ Kf8 24.fxe4 Bxe4+ 25.Ka1 Bxh1 26.Qf6 Bc6 27.e4 b4 28.axb4 Qb5 29.b3 a5 30.Kb2 axb4 0-1 (36) Ciocaltea,V (2703)-Ernst,H (2764) Warszawa (zt) 43/186 1987 31.Rd2 Qc5 32.Rd3 Re8 33.Qg7+ Ke7 34.Rf3 Kd8 35.Rxf7 Bxe4 36.Qf6+ Kc8 0-1 Navara,D (2703)-Grischuk,A (2764) (m/2) 142/144 2019]



16...Bg4 17.Rdg1 Bg7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rg3 -0.52/22 Prevents Bf3
[White should try 19.Qc3+!= 0.01/21 Kg8 20.Rg3]
19...Bh5 -0.01/23
[19...Re6!∓ -0.52/22 20.Kb1 Rd8]
20.f5
[20.Qxc7? Rac8-+]
20...Rad8 21.f4 Rd6! 22.Kb1 Red8 23.e4! Qxf4 24.Qxc7 Qe5 25.Rc1 R8d7 26.Qb8 Qe7 27.Rc8 Rd8 7.33/24
[27...Rxd3 28.Rg8+ Kf6 29.Qf4 Rxg3 30.fxg6+ Ke6 31.Qf5+ Kd6 32.gxh7]
[27...Kh6= 0.20/21 28.Bc2 Bd1]
28.f6+?? -3.01/26
[28.e5+- 7.33/24 avoids the disaster. Qe8 29.Qxd6 *(29.exd6 Rxc8 30.Qxa7 Rc1+ 31.Ka2 Qe5±)* 29...Rxc8 30.Qf6+ Kh6 31.fxg6 fxg6 32.Qg5+ Deflection Kg7 33.Qxh5]
28...Qxf6-+
[28...Kxf6 29.e5+ Kg7 30.exd6∓]
29.e5

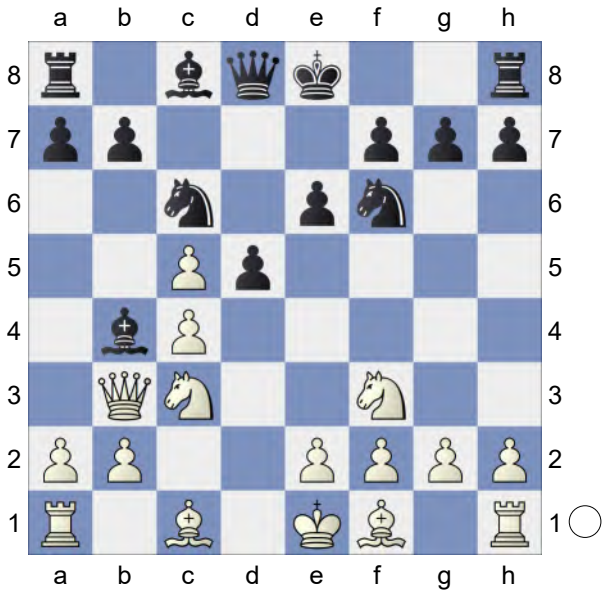


Qe7 30.exd6 Qe1+ 31.Ka2 -3.73/25
[31.Kc2 Bd1+ 32.Kb1 Ba4+ *(32...Bb3+ 33.Rc1∓)* 33.Ka2 Qe6+ 34.Bc4 Rxc8 *(34...Qxc8 35.Qxc8 Rxc8 36.b3∓)* 35.Bxe6 Rxb8-+]
[⌓31.Rc1 -2.59/24 Qxc1+ 32.Kxc1 Rxb8 33.Be4]
31...Qe6+ 32.Bc4 Rxc8 33.Bxe6 Rxb8 Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **34.Bc4 Rd8 35.Re3 Rxd6 36.Re7** Dodges Rd7 **36...Rb6?** -0.06/24
[36...g5-+ -4.19/22 37.Rxb7 Rd4]
37.Rxf7+= Kh6 38.Bd5 -0.95/23
[38.h4= -0.24/23 keeps the balance.]
38...Be2 -0.16/24
[Better is 38...Bg4∓ -0.95/23

and ...Rd6 should not be overlooked 39.Rf4 Kg5]
39.Re7 Rd6 40.Bg8 Ba6 0.01/24
[40...Bf3∓ -0.35/22 feels stronger.]
41.Rxh7+ The position is equal.
41...Kg5 42.a4 Rd8 43.Bb3 Rd4 44.Bc2 Bc4+ 45.b3 Bd5 46.Kb2 Kf6 47.Rd7 and Kc3 should not be overlooked **47...Ke6 48.Rg7 Rd2 49.Kc3 Rxh2 50.Rxg6+**
Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.39
50...Ke5
½-½

56 **D38**
□ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2693**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
Biel 56th (1) 18.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Rapport won a nice attacking game in his usual creative style. D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) I think this line is a reasonable option for those who want to create some pressure without much risk. Black should be fine, but some precision is required.
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4
[4...Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 a6 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.Rc2 Re8 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Qa1 Nf8 15.Rfc1 Ng6 16.Ng3 Nh4 17.Ne5 b5 18.a4 f6 0-1 Deac,B (2693)-Le,Q (2728) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (5)]
5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6



7.Bg5 **Qa5!** 7...Qa5 scores better than 7...dxc4. 7...Da5 punktet besser als 7...dxc4. **8.Bxf6 dxc4** The position is equal. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1 Qxc5**
11.Qb3N
[11.Qf4 Ke7 12.g3 Bxc3+ *(12...e5 13.Qe4 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Bg2 Kf8 16.Qh4 Kg7 17.Nd2 Qe7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.g4 Rhg8 20.Ne4 Bd5 21.Ng3 Kh8 22.0-0 Bxa2 23.c4 Qe6 24.h3 Rg6 25.Rfd1 f5 26.f3 Rag8 27.Rd8* 1-0 (44) Aravindh,C (2729)-Wei Yi (2755) 7th Prague Masters 2025 (3)*)* 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bg2 Rac8 15.0-0 b6 16.Rfd1 Ne5 17.Rd4 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Rhd8 Quickstarter Guide-12) 5.Qb3]
[11.Qh4 Bxc3+ 12.Rxc3 Qb4 13.Qxb4 Nxb4 14.a3 Nd5 15.Rc2 Bd7 16.e4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Ke7 18.Ke2 Rac8 19.Rhc1 e5 20.Nd2 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 23.Ke3 Be6 24.f4 exf4+ 25.Kxf4 Nd7 ½-½ (74) So,W (2751)-Caruana,F (2796) USA-ch Saint Louis 2024 (8)]
11...Na5N
[Vorgänger: 11...Qb6 0.24/22

11...Na5 -0.14 12.e3 Bd7 13.a3 Ba5 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Be2 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Qc5 17.Qb2 Qb6 ½-½ Shirov,A (2696)-Hou,Y (2609) FIDE World Cup 2013 (1.1)]

12.Qc2 Bd7 13.a3 -0.37/23

[13.e3= 0.01/21]

13...Bxc3+∓ 14.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Rxc3 Ke7 16.b4 Nc6 17.e3 Rac8 -0.01/22

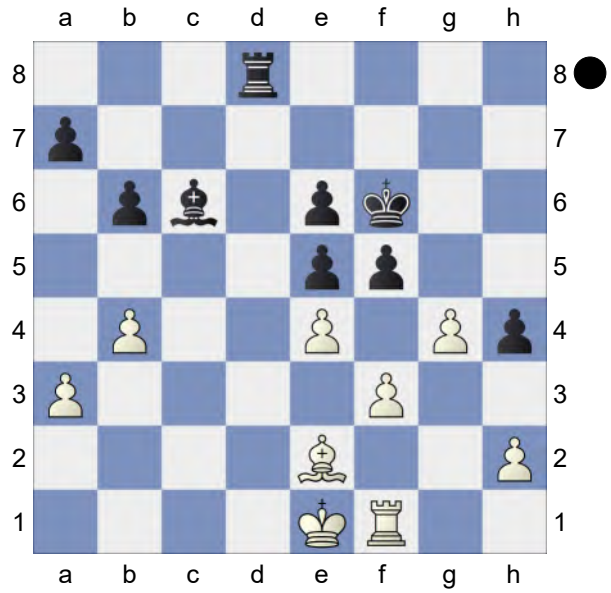
[17...a5∓ -0.76/22 18.b5 Na7]

18.Kd2!= Rhd8 19.Be2 Be8+ 20.Rd3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8+ Endgame KRB-KRB **23.Kc3! Bc6 24.f3 f5 25.g3 Rg8 26.Rg1 h5 27.Kd2 h4 28.Ke1 Bd5 29.g4 Kf6! 30.Kd2 b6 31.Ke1 Rd8 32.Rf1 Bc6** -0.40/27

[32...f4∓ -0.97/25 33.g5+ Decoy Kxg5 34.Rg1+ Kf6 35.exf4 exf4]

33.e4 -1.44/25

[White should play 33.gxf5!∓ -0.40/27 exf5 34.b5]



33...fxe4!∓ Black is more active.

34.fxe4+ -2.32/25

[34.b5∓ -1.33/25 Bb7 35.fxe4+ Kg6 36.Bc4]

34...Kg7? -0.54/26

[34...Kg6-+ -2.32/25 35.Bc4 Bxe4 36.Bxe6 Kg5]

35.Rf3 -1.44/25

[35.g5!∓ -0.54/26]

35...Kg6

[Don't do 35...Bxe4 36.Rh3=]

36.Rc3? -3.12/25

[36.Bd3∓ -1.28/26 was worth a try.]

36...Bxe4-+ 37.Rc7 -3.77/24

[⌓37.b5 -2.56/24]

37...a5 38.bxa5 bxa5 39.Ra7 Rd5 -0.73/25

[39...Bd5-+ -4.51/23 40.Rxa5 Rb8]

40.Bc4? -4.21/24

[40.Ra6∓ -0.73/25]

40...Rc5 41.Bxe6 Kf6 42.Bg8 Rc2 43.Rxa5 -6.54/24

[⌓43.h3 -4.05/24 Rh2 44.Rxa5]

43...Rxh2 Black is clearly winning.

44.Bd5 Bd3 45.Bf3 h3 And now ...e4 would win. **46.g5+** -6.60/25

[⌓46.Rd5 -4.69/27 e4 47.g5+ Kf7 48.Rd4]

46...Kxg5 47.Rxe5+ Kf4 48.Rd5 Bc4 49.Rd4+ Kxf3 50.Rxc4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.39

50...Ra2

0-1

57 **E51**

□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**

■ **Navara,David** **2689**

Biel Blitz 56th (9) 22.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5

1.d4

[1.Qd6 hangs the queen d6]

1...Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5

8.Rc1 Be7 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 The position is equal. **10...c5 11.dxc5** outshines the older 11.Ne5.erfolgreicher als das alte 11.Se5.

[11.Qc2 Nc6 12.a3 h6 13.Rfe1 Re8 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Na4 c4 16.Bf5 Bd6 17.Rcd1 Ne7 18.Bh3 Ne4 19.Bc3 Ng6 20.g3 Bc6 21.Bd4 Bd7 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Nc3 Qf5 24.Qe2 a6 25.Rf1 Rac8 1-0 (43) Drazic,S (2246)-Mijatovic,D (2149) SRB-ch sf Senta 2025 (7)]

11...bxc5 12.Re1 Na6 13.Bb1 Rc8N A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.

[Predecessor: 13...Rb8 14.b3 c4 15.Qe2 Nc5 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Nd4 Re8 0.36/22 *(17...g6=* -0.01/22 is more appropriate.*)* 18.Red1± Qb6 19.Qxc4 Ba6! 1-0 Artemiev,V (2700)-Aronian,L (2772) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (10) 20.Nd5 Bxc4 21.Nxb6 Bxa2 22.Bxa2 axb6 23.Nc6 Ra8 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Bc4 Rd7 26.Bc3 Kf8 27.Bd4 Rc8 28.Be2 Rcd8 29.Rb1 Nd5 30.Bb5 Rd6 31.Be5 Re6 32.Bd4 Red6 33.Rdc1 Nc7 34.Bc4 N7e6 1-0 (87) Artemiev,V (2700)-Aronian,L (2772) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (10.1)]

14.e4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nb4 18.Qb3

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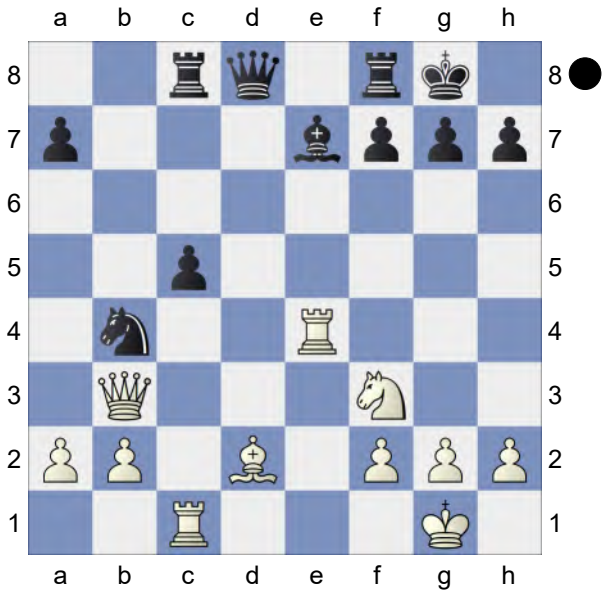


Bf6 19.Be3 a5 1.31/23

[19...Rb8!= 0.14/22 20.Rxc5 *(20.Bxc5 Nd3=)* 20...Nxa2]

20.h4 0.01/24

[20.Bxc5? Nd3 21.Rec4 *(21.Rd1? Nxc5 22.Rxd8 Rfxd8-+)* 21...Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Rxc5-+]

[Only move: 20.Rxc5± 1.31/23 a3 would now be deadly. Qd3 21.Qxd3 Nxd3 22.Rxc8 *(22.Rxa5 Nxb2 23.g4 h6±)* 22...Rxc8 23.b3]

20...Nd3!= 21.Rd1 c4 22.Qb5 Qc7 23.b3 Nb2 24.Rc1 c3 25.Bd4 Bxd4 26.Nxd4 Qc5 27.Qxc5 Rxc5 28.Re3 Against Nd3 **28...Rfc8! 29.Ne2 c2 30.Nd4! Nd1 31.Re2** -0.01/23

[31.Re1± 0.55/25]

31...Nc3!↑ Black is pushing.

[31...a4 32.Rexc2 *(32.Rcxc2 Nc3±)* 32...Rxc2 33.Rxc2 Rxc2 34.Nxc2±]

32.Rd2

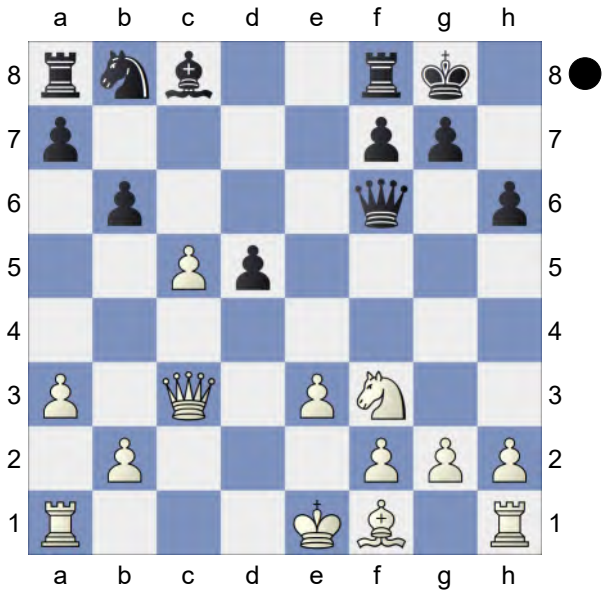
[32.Rexc2? is the wrong capture. Ne2+ 33.Rxe2 Rxc1+ 34.Kh2 Kf8-+]

32...Nxa2 33.Rcxc2 Rxc2 34.Nxc2 Nc1 35.Nd4 g6 36.Kf1 Rb8 37.Rc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

37...Nxb3 Loss on time!?
0-1

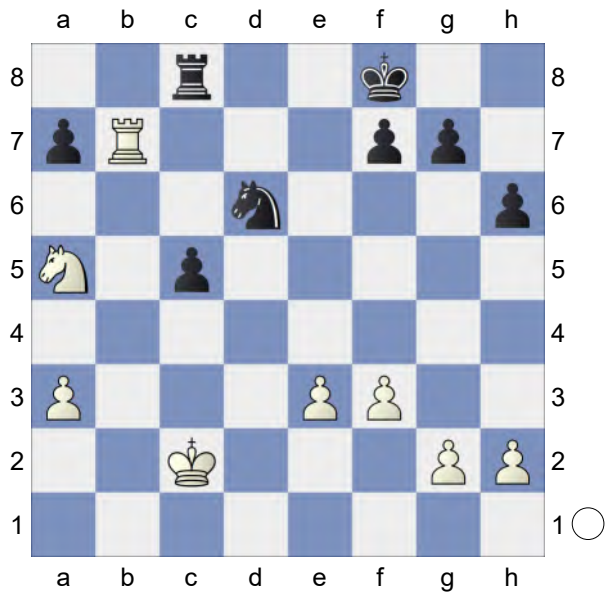
58 **D38**
□ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2696**
■ **Volokitin,Andrei** **2664**
38th ECC Open 2023 (4.4) 04.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 b6 11.e3 0-0 12.dxc5
[12.Be2 Nc6 13.Bb5 Ne7 14.dxc5 Qxc3+ 15.bxc3 bxc5 16.Ke2 Be6 17.Rhb1 Rfb8 18.a4 f6 19.Bd3 Kf7 20.Kd2 Nc8 21.Rb5 Rxb5 22.axb5 Rb8 23.Nh4 Rb7 24.Ra6 Bd7 25.Nf5 Rb6 26.Ra5 h5 ½-½ (56) Gajewski,G (2577)-Morozevich,A (2787) Dresden ol (Men) 38th 2008 (2)]



12...Qxc3+ The position is equal.
13.bxc3 bxc5 14.0-0-0 Bb7N
[14...Be6 15.c4 dxc4 16.Ne5 Re8 17.Rd6 c3 18.Bb5 Rc8 19.Rhd1 Kf8 20.Ng6+ fxg6 21.Rxe6 a6 22.Bc4 Ra7 23.Kc2 Nd7 24.Kxc3 Nf6 25.f3 a5 26.Rb6 g5 27.e4 Re7 28.Ra6 g4 29.Rxa5 1-0 (42) Fiorito,J (2348)-Tomiello,L (2248) Buenos Aires Torre Blanca Cup 2023 (7) gxf3 30.gxf3 g5 31.Rd6 Kg7 32.Be6 Rf8 33.Bf5 g4 34.fxg4 Nxe4+ 35.Bxe4 Rxe4 36.Rxc5 Rxg4 37.Rc7+ Kg8 38.Rc4 Rg1 39.Rdc6 Rg2 40.Rxh6 Rf3+ 41.Kb4 Rb2+ 42.Ka4 Ra2 ß-ß Gawlikowski,S (2328)-6. ♕d2 ♗a6 7.b3 54273 (2538) 49/92 Debrecen 1990 (5)]
15.c4 Nd7 0.64/24
[15...dxc4!= 0.28/22 was preferable. 16.Bxc4 Nc6]
16.cxd5± Nf6 Inhibits e4. Hoping for ... Ne4!. **17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Ne5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Kc2 Nf6** 0.75/24
[20...Rfe8= 0.25/21 remains equal. 21.Nc6 Rd7]
21.Nc4 White is more active. **21...Rfe8** 1.52/23
[Better is 21...Nd5± 0.69/23]
22.Rxd8± Rxd8 Endgame KRN-KRN
23.Rb1 Kf8 2.26/22
[23...Re8± 1.38/23]
24.f3 Ne8 2.42/25
[24...Nd5± 1.59/23 25.Rb7 Nb6 26.Nxb6 axb6]
25.Na5? 0.91/22
[25.Rb7+- 2.42/25 and White stays clearly on top.]
25...Rc8 1.80/22
[25...Rd6± 0.91/22]
26.Rb7+- Nd6 2.73/23
[⌓26...c4 1.68/22 27.Rxa7 Nd6]

(Diagram)



27.Rd7!
[27.Rxa7 h5=]
27...Nf5 28.Nc4
[28.Rxa7 Nxe3+ 29.Kb3 Nxg2∓]
28...Re8 29.e4
[29.Rxa7 Nxe3+ 30.Nxe3 Rxe3=]
29...Nd4+ 30.Kd3 Ne6 31.Rxa7 Nf4+ 32.Kc3 Nxg2 5.36/24
[⌓32...Ne2+ 3.81/21 33.Kd2 Nd4]
33.Nd6 Rd8 34.Nxf7
[34.Rxf7+ Kg8 35.e5 Rxd6±]
34...Rd1 35.Ne5 Rc1+ 36.Kb2 Rh1 37.a4 Rxh2 38.Kb3 Ne3 39.a5 c4+ 40.Kc3
[40.Nxc4 Nxc4 41.Ra8+ *(41.Kxc4 h5=)* 41...Kf7 42.Kxc4 h5±]
40...Ra2 41.Kd4
[41.Nxc4 Nxc4 42.Kxc4 h5±]
41...Ra3 5.92/21
[41...Ng2 4.13/22 was worth a try. 42.Nxc4 *(42.Kxc4 Kg8+-)* 42...Ra4]
42.a6
[42.Nxc4 Nxc4 43.Kxc4 h5±]
42...Kg8 43.f4 h5 44.f5 and Ra8+ should not be overlooked
[44.Nxc4 Nxc4 45.Kxc4 h4±]
44...h4 7.54/24
[⌓44...Ng4 4.19/23 45.Ng6 *(45.Nxc4 Ra4±)* 45...Kh7 46.Kxc4 Kh6]
45.Ra8+ White is clearly winning.
[45.Nxc4 Nxc4 46.Kxc4 h3 47.Ra8+ Kh7∓]
[45.Ng6 Kh7 46.Nxh4 Kh6+-]
45...Kh7 46.Nf7
[Not 46.Nxc4 Nxc4 47.Kxc4 h3=]
[Weaker is 46.Ng6 Kh6±]
46...g5 47.Nxg5+ Kg7 48.a7 h3 49.Nxh3 Rd3+ 50.Kc5 f6+! would kill now. **50...Ra3 51.Kb4 Rb3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.61
52.Ka4
1-0

59 **E53**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2664**
FIDE World Cup (3.4) 07.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 c5
[8...Bb7 9.Qc2 Re8 10.a3 Bf8 11.Ng5 g6 12.h4 c5 13.h5 h6 14.hxg6 hxg5 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Bg6+ Ke7 17.Qf5 Bg7 18.e4 Nc6 19.Bxe8 Qxe8 20.Nxd5+ Nxd5 21.Bxg5+ Kd6 22.Qxd5+ Kc7 23.Rh7 1-0 C 06/32 (2785)-Larand,M (2723) 5/445 Reykjavik 1968]
[8...Re8 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Re1 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nbd7 14.Bg5 Qc8 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Qd3 Bg6 19.Nh4 Qe6 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Qc3 Qd7 22.Qc4 Kg7 23.Bc6

½-½ (31) Glaser,G (2696)-Sikorova,J (2725) An important set of lines]

9.dxc5N

[9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 c4 11.Bc2 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Ba4 Qc7 15.g4 Bg6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Ne4 18.f4 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bd3 20.Re1 Qe7 21.Qf3 Qh4 22.Kh2 b5 23.Bxb5 Rab8 0-1 (29) Nasyrova,E (2056)-Potapova,M (2191) RUS GP Top 28 Rapid (Women) 2022 (1)]

9...bxc5 10.0-0 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 cxb4 14.axb4 Bxb4 15.Qa4 a5 16.Nd4 Bg6⇄ Black puts up resistance **17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Rfb1**

[18.Ne4!? Bxd2 *(18...Nxe4 19.Bxb4* Pin *Re8 20.Bxa5±)* 19.Nxd2=]

18...Ra6 19.Nc2 Bd6 20.Nd4 Nbd7 21.Qb5 Qa8 22.Nxd5 Deflection **22...Nxd5 23.Qxd7 a4 24.Qb7! Be5** -0.01/24

[24...a3∓ -0.52/23 25.Qxa8 Rfxa8 *(25...Raxa8? 26.Rb5-+)*]

25.Qxa8= Rfxa8 26.Ra3 -0.63/23

[26.Rb5= -0.06/23 Rd6 27.g3]

26...Rb6∓ 27.Rba1 Bd6! 28.Rd3 -2.18/23

[28.Rxa4? Rxa4 29.Rc1 Rba6 30.Rc8+ Kh7-+]

[28.R3a2∓ -1.07/22 was called for.]

28...Be7? -0.51/21

[28...a3!-+ -2.18/23 29.Be1 *(29.Nc2 Nf6∓)* 29...a2]

29.Nc2 -1.07/21

[29.Bc1∓ -0.51/21]

29...Rb2∓ 30.Ne1 -2.36/23

[30.Na3∓ -1.26/23 Nb6 31.Bc1]

30...Nb4-+ 31.Bxb4 Bxb4

[31...Rxb4 32.Kf1∓]

32.Rdd1

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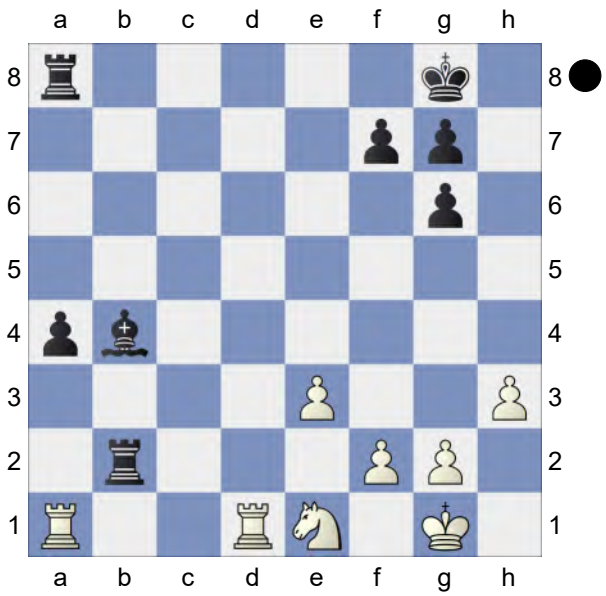


Bxe1

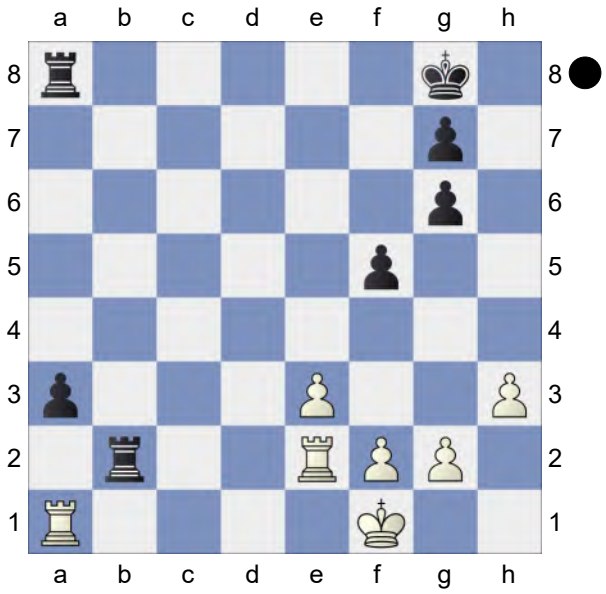
[32...a3 33.Nd3 Rb3 34.Nxb4 Rxb4 35.Rd2∓]

33.Rxe1 Endgame KRR-KRR **33...a3 34.Kf1 f5?** -0.80/23

[34...a2 35.Re2 Rb1+ 36.Re1∓]

[34...Kf8-+ -3.49/24 35.Re2 Ke7]

35.Re2∓



Rxb2 is the strong threat. **35...Kf7** -0.43/24

[35...Kh7 36.Ra2∓]

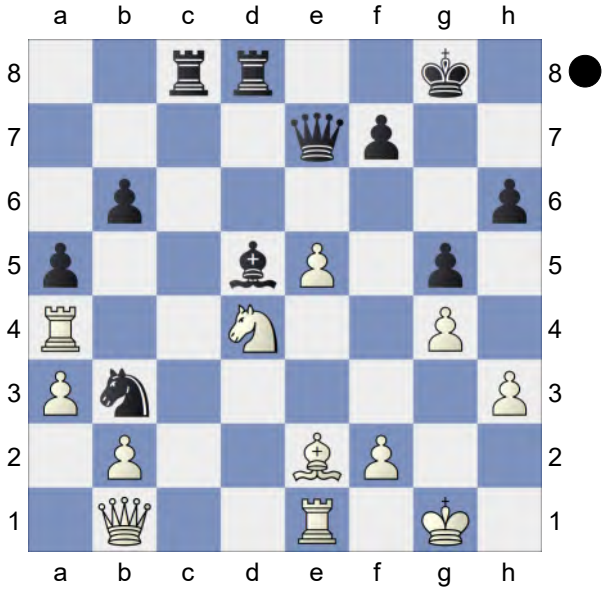
[35...Rc8!∓ -1.05/24 and ...Rc3 should not be overlooked 36.g3

(36.Rxa3? Rc1+ 37.Re1 Rcc2-+) 36...Rc3]
36.Ra2∓ Rxa2 37.Rxa2 KR-KR **37...Ke6 38.Ke2 Kd5** -0.52/26
[38...g5= -0.09/28 should be considered.]
39.Kd3 g5 40.f3 Kc5 41.Kc3 Re8
[41...Kb5!? 42.Kb3□ Rd8∓]
42.e4 Ra8 43.exf5 Kd5 44.Kb3 Ke5 45.Re2+ Kxf5 46.Ka2 Ra6 47.Re4 Re6 48.Rg4
[48.Kxa3? is the wrong capture. Rxe4 49.fxe4+ Kxe4-+]
48...Re3 49.h4 gxh4 50.Rxg7 h3 Deflection **51.gxh3 Rxf3 52.Rf7+ Ke4 53.Rxf3 Kxf3 54.Kxa3 Kg3** -0.01/95
[Better is 54...Kf4± 1.28/95]
55.h4= Intending h5 and mate. Black had all chances to win.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
55...Kxh4
½-½

60 **D38**
□ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2601**
■ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2650**
39th ECC Open 2024 (7.4) 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

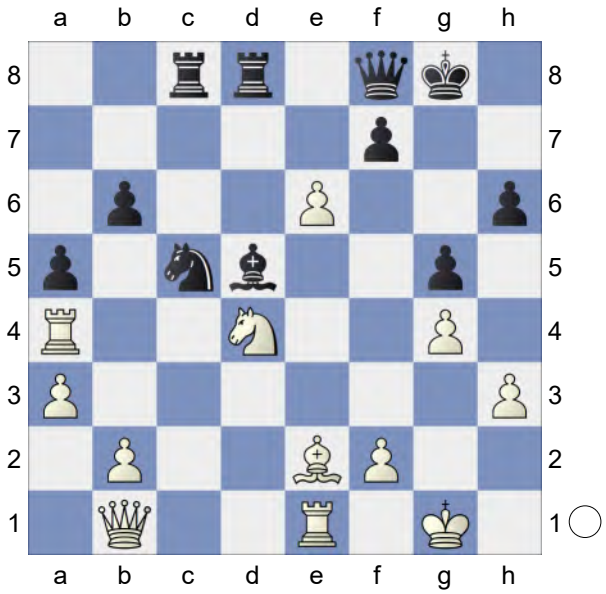
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Nbd7 9.Rc1 h6
[9...Nxc5 10.Qd4 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Nce4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Be2 Bg4 14.0-0 Qb6 15.h3 Rfc8 16.Qd4 Bxf3 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Bxf3 Kf8 19.Rxc8+ Rxc8 20.Rd1 Rc2 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Rxb2 23.Rd8+ Ke7 24.Rb8 0-1 (26) Bacrot,E (2642)-Esipenko,A (2714) 2597 Berlin 2022]
10.Bxf6N
[10.Bh4 Qa5 11.Nd2 *(11.Be2 Ne4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ndxc5 14.Be7 Re8 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Qe7 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Bd5 Rad8 20.Bxb7 Bb5 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Re1 Ba6 23.h3 Bb7 24.Qg4 Qe5 25.Qf5 Qd6* 1-0 (38) Kuzubov,Y (2609)-Svane,F (2640) Julius Baer GenCup P/I m D3 rapid 2024 (1.1)*)* 11...Bxc3 12.Rxc3 Qxa2 13.Qc1 Qa4 14.Bg3 d4 15.Rc4 Qc6 16.Rxd4 b6 17.Qc3 Bb7 18.cxb6 Qxc3 19.bxc3 axb6 20.f3 Ra1+ 21.Kf2 Ragozin – Introduction: 6..-20) Ragozin – Introduction Lifetime Repertoires: L'Ami's 1.d4 - Pa]
10...Nxf6 11.a3 Bxc3+ The position is equal. **12.Rxc3 Ne4 13.Rd3 Qf6 14.Rd4** 0.08/21
[14.Qc2!± 0.46/22]
14...Nxc5= 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Rxd5 Rac8 17.0-0 Be6! 18.Rd4 Nb3 Inhibits Nd2. **19.Rb4 Rfd8!↑** Black fights for an advantage.
[19...Qxb2 20.Nd4 *(20.Rxb7 Qxa3 21.Nd4 Nxd4±)* 20...Qxa3 21.Rxb3 Bxb3 22.Nxb3± *(22.Qxb3 Qxb3 23.Nxb3 Rc3±)*]
20.Qb1 b6 21.Rf4 Qe7 22.h3 -0.43/22
[22.Bd3= 0.01/21 deserves consideration.]
22...a5!∓ Black has compensation. **23.Re1 g5 24.Re4 Qf6** Wards off Nd4 **25.Ra4** -1.53/24
[Better is 25.Nd4!∓ -0.32/22 Nc5 *(25...Nd2 26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Qa2=)* 26.Rg4]
25...Bf5∓ 26.e4 Be6 Prevents Rc4. ... Qf4 is the strong threat. **27.e5 Qe7 28.g4** -2.37/25
[28.Bf1∓ -1.41/21]

28...Bd5 -1.21/23
[28...Nd2-+ -2.37/25 29.Nxd2 Rxd2]
29.Nd4? -4.36/22
[29.Qf5∓ -1.21/23 is tougher. Qd7 30.Qxd7 Rxd7 31.Nd4]



29...Qf8? 0.23/26
[29...Qxe5 30.Nxb3 Bxb3 31.Re4∓]
[29...Qe8!-+ -4.36/22 30.Bb5 Nxd4 Remove Defender 31.Rxd4 *(31.Bxe8 Nf3+ 32.Kg2 Nd2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *33.Kg3 Nxb1∓)* 31...Qxb5]
30.e6 Nc5? 4.99/26
[30...Nxd4= -0.01/23 31.Rxd4 Bxe6]

(Diagram)



31.Bc4!+- Strongly threatening e7. White is clearly winning. **31...fxe6**
[Worse is 31...Nxa4 32.e7±]
[31...Rc7 32.Bxd5]
32.Nxe6 Remove Defender **32...Nxe6**
33.Bxd5 Remove Defender **33...Rxd5**
34.Rxe6 Rd7 35.Rxb6 Rf7 36.Qg6+ Kh8 37.Qxh6+
[37.Rxa5? is a self mate. Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Rxf2+ 39.Kg3 Rg1#]
37...Qxh6 38.Rxh6+ Endgame KRR-KRR. White is 3 pawns up. **38...Kg7 39.Rh5 Rc5 40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 Rc1+ 42.Kg2 Rc2 43.Rxg5+ Kh6 44.Rf5 Rxf5 45.gxf5 Rb2 46.Ra6+ Kg5** Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.65
47.Rb6
1-0

61 **D38**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2736**
■ **Gukesh,D.** **2718**
WR Chess Masters TB 2023 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ The position is equal. **10.Qxc3 g5 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Qa3**
[12.Qxc7 Nc6 13.Qxd8 Rfxd8 14.Be2 Rac8 15.0-0 h5 16.h4 g4 17.Ne5 Nb4 18.Bf4 f6 19.Nd3 Nc3 20.bxc3 Ding,L (2791)-Caruana,F (2835) chess24.com (Int.-m/5-blitz) 146/(149) 2020]
12...Nc6N
[12...Re8 13.Rc1 c6 14.Be2 Nd7 15.Ne5 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Rxe5 18.Rxh6 Kg7 19.Rh5 Bg6 20.Rh3 Qf6 21.Rd1 b6 22.Qc3 Rae8 23.b4 Re4 24.Qxf6+ Kxf6 25.a3 d4 26.Bd3 Rxe3+ 27.fxe3 ½-½ (33) Iniyan,P (2534)-Sargsyan,S (2645) SCO National Chess Online rapid 2022 (2) Rxe3+ 28.Kf2 Bxd3 29.g4 Re2+ 30.Kf3 Re3+ 31.Kf2 Re2+ 32.Kf3 Re3+ 33.Kf2 ½-½ Cibicek,J (2534)-Skara,M (2645) corr AICCF 1512 2013 (2)]
13.Nd2 a5 1.00/23
[13...Re8= 0.24/21 keeps the balance.]
14.Nxe4± Bxe4 1.21/20
[14...Nb4!± 0.63/20 15.Rc1 dxe4]

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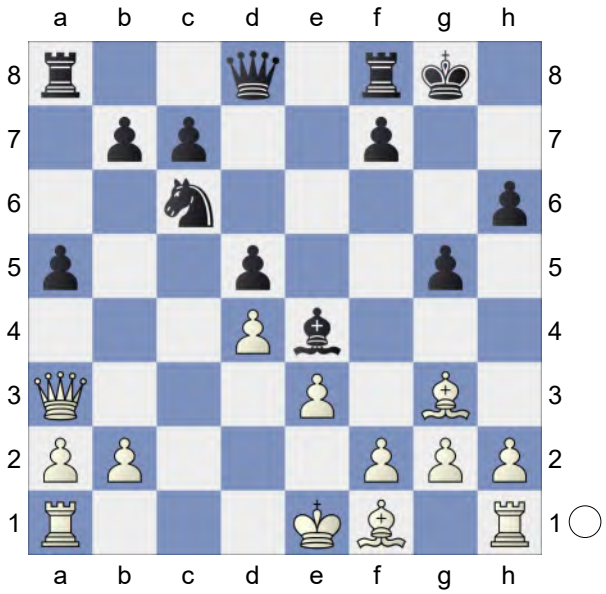
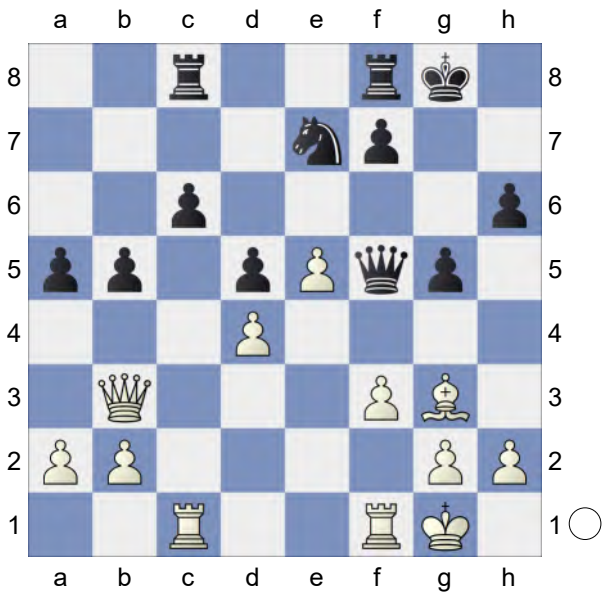


15.f3 0.52/23
[15.Rc1!± 1.21/20]
15...Bg6 16.Bd3
[16.Rc1 seems wilder. Nb4 17.Kd2 c5 18.Rxc5 Rc8 19.Qb3]
16...Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Qd7 18.0-0 0.48/19
[18.h4± 1.08/20]
18...Ne7!± 19.e4 c6 20.e5 Qf5 Dodges f4 **21.Qb3 b5** 1.68/22
[21...Qg6!± 0.65/21]
22.Rac1 1.00/19
[22.f4+- 1.68/22]
22...Rac8 1.89/23
[22...Qg6± 1.00/19]

(Diagram)



23.Qa3 1.20/24
[23.f4!+- 1.89/23]
23...Ng6± 24.Qxa5 White is more active. **24...h5 25.Qd2** 0.69/22
[25.Bf2± 1.38/23]
25...h4± 26.Bf2 f6 27.exf6 A mistake that costs the game. **27...Rxf6** 2.41/23
[27...h3± 1.14/24]
28.h3+- Re6 3.02/24
[⌓28...Ra8 2.02/22 29.a3 Nf4]
29.Rfe1 Black must now prevent Rxe6.
29...Rce8 30.Rxe6
[30.Rxc6 Rxe1+ 31.Bxe1 Nf4=]
30...Rxe6 31.Be3 Prevents Qf4 **31...Nf4 32.Bxf4 gxf4** 4.87/21
[32...Qxf4 2.15/23 33.Qxf4 gxf4]
33.Re1 Rxe1+ 4.59/27
[33...Re3 3.04/26 was necessary. 34.Rxe3 fxe3 35.Qxe3 Kf7]
34.Qxe1 Endgame KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **34...Qf6 35.Qd2 Qd6 36.Kf1** 2.55/25
[⌓36.Kh2 4.28/24]
36...Kg7 3.64/23
[⌓36...Qg6 2.55/25 37.Qxf4 Qb1+ 38.Ke2 Qxb2+ 39.Qd2 Qb1]
37.b3 1.94/22
[⌓37.a3 3.64/23]
37...b4? 5.02/26
[37...Qa3 1.94/22 is tougher. 38.Kg1 *(38.Qxf4 Qxa2 39.Qe5+ Kf7±)* 38...Qe7]
38.Qe1 Qg6 39.Kg1
[Less strong is 39.Qxh4 Qd3+ 40.Kg1 Qxd4+ 41.Kh2 Qf6 42.Qg4+ Kh7±]
[39.Qxb4 Qb1+ 40.Kf2 *(40.Qe1 Qd3+ 41.Qe2 Qxd4+-)* 40...Qxa2+ 41.Kg1 Qa7+-]
39...Qc2 9.43/26
[⌓39...Qd6 4.12/23 40.Kh2 *(40.Qxh4 c5+-)* 40...c5 41.dxc5 *(41.Qxh4 c4±)* 41...Qxc5 42.Qe5+ *(42.Qxh4 Qd6+-)* 42...Kf8 43.Qxf4+ Ke8 44.Qxh4 d4 45.Qh8+ Kd7 46.Qg7+ Ke8 47.Qg6+ Ke7]
40.Qxb4 White is clearly winning.
40...Qxa2 41.Qb7+ Kg8 42.Qb8+
[42.Qxc6 Qa1+ 43.Kh2 Qxd4+-]
42...Kg7 43.Qc7+ Kg8 44.Qd8+ Kg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.54
45.Qg5+
1-0

63 **D38**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023 (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0** And now Nc3-e4 would win. **10...cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5** The position is equal. **13.exd4 Rd8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.Re2 Bc6 16.Qc2 Bb6** 0.45/19

[Black should try 16...Rc8= -0.06/18 17.Qd3 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Nd7]

17.Rfe1 -0.57/17

[White should play 17.Rd1± 0.45/19]

17...Kh8? 2.08/22

[17...Bxd4 18.Neg5 hxg5 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6=]

[17...a5!∓ -0.57/17 keeps the upper hand.]

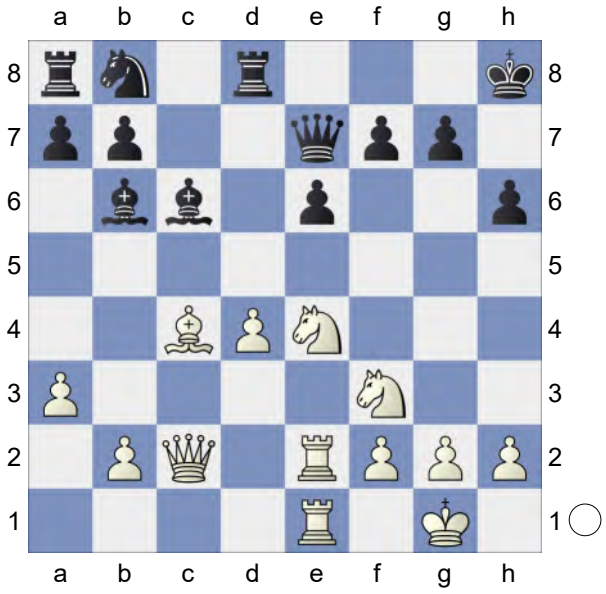
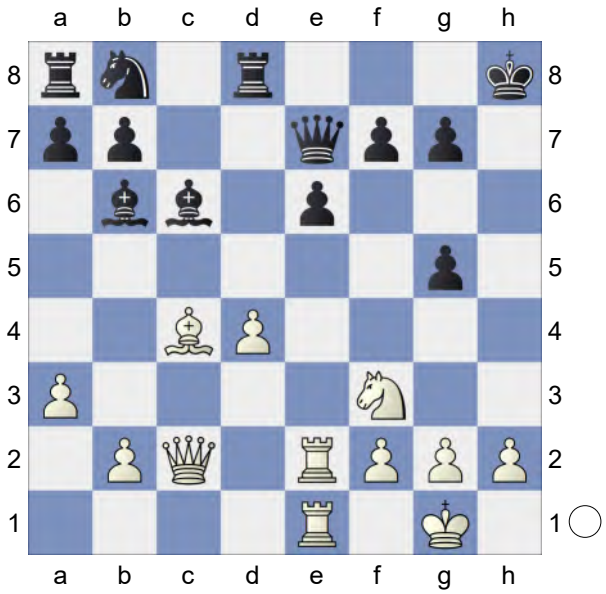


Diagram #. Loses the game. **18.Neg5!+- hxg5**



19.Rxe6! fxe6 20.Rxe6 Qxe6

[20...Qf8? #8/18 20...Qe7xe6 2.25 21.Nxg5+-]

21.Bxe6 Bxf3

[21...Bxd4 22.Nxg5 Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2]

22.Qf5 Repels Bf3-d5

[22.gxf3!?]

22...Be4

[22...Bh5? 23.Qxg5+-]

23.Qxe4 Rxd4? 4.22/22 Diagram #

[23...Re8 2.02/22 might work better.]

24.Qf3

[24.Qxb7? Rd1#]

24...g4 25.Qf8+

[Not 25.Bxg4 Nc6=]

25...Kh7 26.Bf5+ Kh6 27.Bc2 Repels Rd4-d1+. Threatening mate with Qf8-h8+.

[27.Qh8+? 0.51/5 27.Bf5-c2 4.25 Kg5 28.Qxg7+?? -5.18/20 *(28.Bc2+- 1.75/21 Kf6 29.Bb3)* 28...Kxf5-+]

27...Rd2N #4/10

[27...Nc6+- 4.22/23 28.Qf5 *(28.Qxa8 Rd8+-)* 28...Rd1+ 29.Bxd1 g6]

28.Qh8+ White mates. **28...Kg5 29.Qxg7+ Kh5 30.Qg6+ Kh4 31.Qh6#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.72

1-0

62 **D38**

□ **Giri,Anish** **2764**

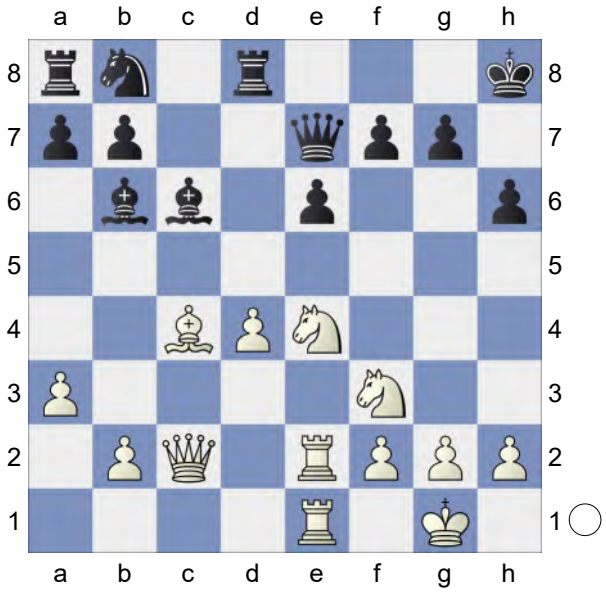
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**

85th Tata Steel Masters (2.6) 15.01.2023

[TA]

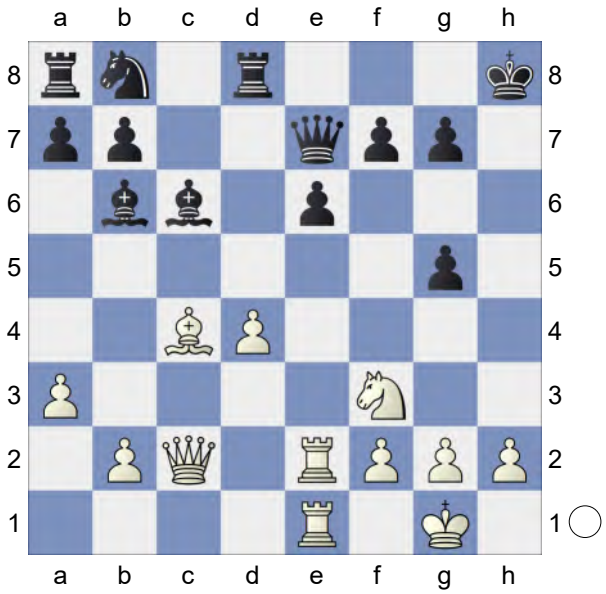
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0** Strongly threatening Ne4. **10...cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5** The position is equal. **13.exd4 Rd8**

14.Rc2 Bd7 15.Re2 Bc6 16.Qc2 Bb6N 0.39/19
[16...Rc8= 0.00/18 17.Qd3 Rd8]
[16...Bd5 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Nc3 Rd6 20.d5 Nd7 21.Qb3 Nf8 22.Ne5 Bd4 23.Nc4 Rdd8 24.d6 Qd7 25.Ne4 b6 26.Rd1 e5 27.Ne3 Qe6 28.Qxe6 Nxe6 29.Rc2 g6 30.g4 Kg7 31.h4 Denishev,M (2247)-Garifullina,L (2357) Paracin 155/(152) 2023]
[16...Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Nc6 18.h4 Bb6 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.d5 exd5 21.Bxd5 Rd6 22.Ng5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Qxg5 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Rxd6 Qc1+ 26.Re1 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qc5+ 28.Re3 Qxd6 29.Qc4+ Kf8 30.Rf3+ Ke7 31.Qf7+ ½-½ Nguyen,N (2646)-Gan Erdene,S (2437) Masters Open 2024 (7.18)]
17.Rfe1!± Kh8 1.14/19
[17...Bxd4 18.Kh1∓]
[17...a5± 0.43/19]



18.Neg5!± hxg5

(Diagram)

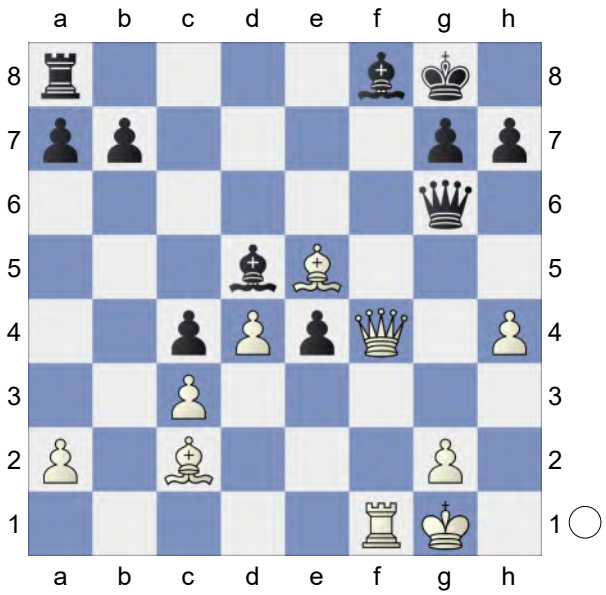


19.Rxe6! fxe6 20.Rxe6 Qxe6 21.Bxe6 Bxf3
[21...Bxd4 22.Nxg5 Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2]
22.Qf5 Be4
[Don't go for 22...Bh5? 23.Qxg5+-]
23.Qxe4 Intending Qg6 and mate.
23...Rxd4? 4.48/20
[23...Re8 2.14/19]
24.Qf3+- White is clearly winning.
[24.Qxb7? Rd1#]
24...g4 25.Qf8+
[And not 25.Bxg4 Na6∓ *(25...Nc6 26.Bc8∓)*]
25...Kh7 26.Bf5+ Kh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise) **27.Bc2** Against Rd1+
1-0

64 **D38**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2694**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Bundesliga 2223 (12.5) 01.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

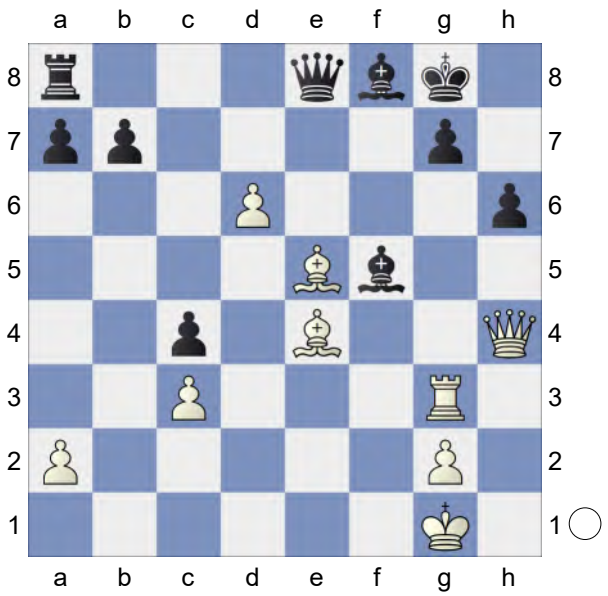
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3

Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 -0.10/20
[⌓6.Qa4+ 0.29/21 Nc6 7.e3]
6...Ne4= 7.Rc1 0-0 0.34/21
[7...Nc6= -0.04/19]
8.e3± White is slightly better. **8...c5**
[8...Bf5 9.Be2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rb1 Bxb1 12.Qxb1 b6 13.Ng5 g6 14.h4 Be7 15.Nf3 Nd7 16.h5 Nf6 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bd3 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Bf6 21.Ne5 Re8 22.Qf3 Qc8 23.Ng4 1-0 (56) Schmakel,S (2420)-Zakhartsov,V (2552) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late blitz 2023 (6)]
9.Bd3 Nc6 10.0-0 Nxc3N 0.79/23
[10...Bxc3± 0.41/22 deserves consideration. 11.bxc3 Bg4]
[10...Re8 11.dxc5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc5 13.Ng5 g6 14.Qf3 Qd7 15.Rfd1 Ne5 16.Qg3 Nxd3 17.Rxd3 Qf5 18.Rcd1 Be6 19.Qh4 h5 20.h3 Be7 21.Rd4 Qf6 22.g4 Qh8 23.Qg3 Bf6 24.e4 Bxd4 25.Rxd4 ½-½ (34) Johansson,L (2463)-Kaasen,T (2462) Fagernes op-A 2023 (6)]
11.bxc3± Ba3 12.Rb1 c4 13.Bc2 f5 14.Ne5 0.52/23
[14.h4± 0.89/23]
14...Nxe5± 15.Bxe5 Rf7 16.f3 0.35/24 White is more active.
[16.f4± 0.76/22]
16...Be6 0.71/23
[16...a6± 0.35/24]
17.e4± fxe4 1.79/25
[Black should play 17...Qd7± 0.49/22]
18.fxe4+- Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Qd7 20.Qe2 A mistake that costs the game. **20...Qc6** 5.14/27
[20...Re8± 1.52/21 is more resistant. 21.h4 Bf8]
21.Qh5 2.44/22
[⌓21.exd5 5.14/27 Bxd5 22.Bxg7 Decoy Kxg7 23.Qe5+ Kg8 24.Qf5]
21...dxe4 22.Qg5 Bf8 23.Rf1 White has strong compensation. **23...Bf7**
24.h4 Qg6 3.62/27
[⌓24...Re8 2.30/24 25.h5 h6]
25.Qf4 Bd5



26.h5! Deflection **26...Qxh5**
[26...Qe6 27.Bxe4]
27.Bxe4 Bc6 28.Rf3 Rh3 is the strong threat. White is clearly winning. **28...Qe8**
29.d5 Bd7 Prevents Rh3. **30.d6 Be6** 9.28/24 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓30...Bc6 4.62/21 31.Bxc6 Discovered Attack bxc6 32.Qxc4+ Kh8]
31.Qh4 h6 32.Rg3
[32.Bxb7 Qb5+-]
32...Bf5

(Diagram)

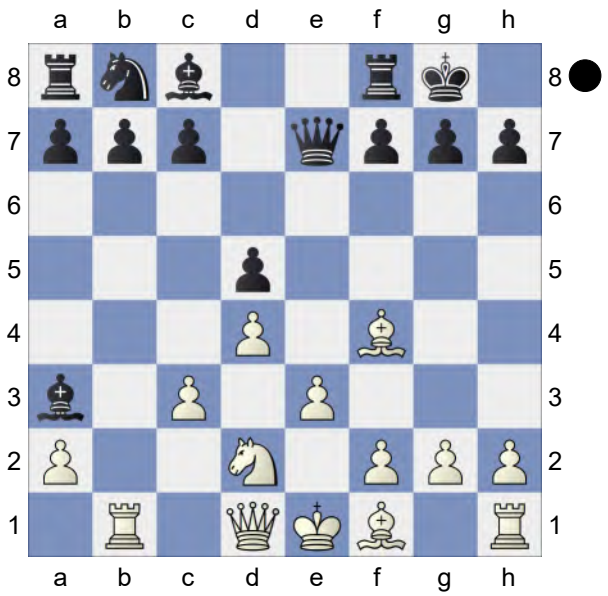


Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.82
33.Qf6!
1-0

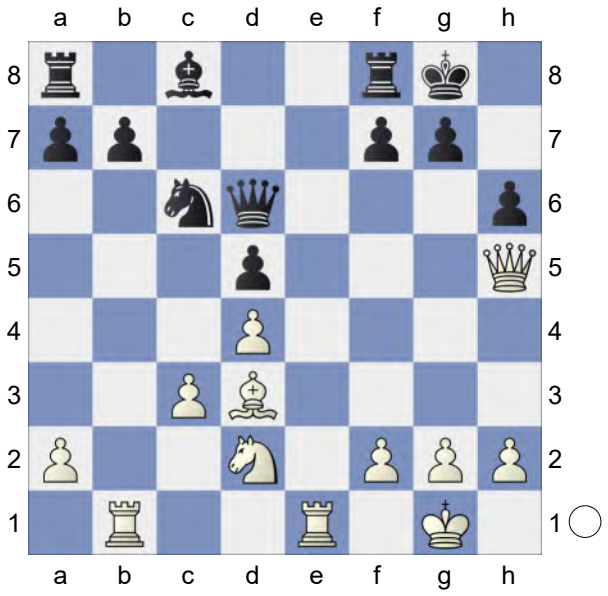
65 **D38**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (5.5)
[TA]

Blitz 5min+3sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 1 **e6** 1 **3.Nf3** 1 **d5** 1 **4.Nc3** 1 **Bb4** 1 **5.cxd5** 1 **exd5** 1 **6.Bf4** 0 D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4). **6...Ne4** 11 Nowadays more popular than 6...0-0. **7.Rc1** 6
[7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Rc1 0-0∓]
7...Qe7 1 **8.Nd2** 15 The position is equal. **8...Nxc3** 1 **9.bxc3** 0 **Ba3** 1 **10.Rb1** 0 **0-0** 1 **11.e3** 6

(Diagram)

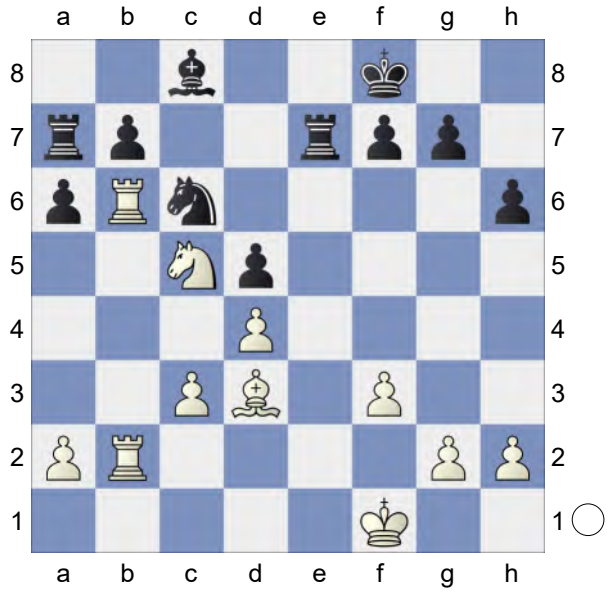


c5N 1
[Predecessor: 11...g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.Be5 Nc6 14.f4 Nxe5 15.fxe5 f4 16.Bd3 fxe3 17.Nf1 c5 18.Nxe3 cxd4 19.cxd4 ½-½ (43) Mamedyarov,S (2757)-Caruana,F (2758) Saint Louis 2022]
12.Bd3 3 **Nc6** 15 **13.0-0** 4 **cxd4** 3 **14.exd4** 16 **Bd6** 35 **15.Re1** 2 **Qc7** 13 **16.Bxd6** 24 **Qxd6** 0 **17.Qh5→** 6 White goes for the king. **17...h6** 25



18.Rb5! 59 **Ne7** 11 **19.Qe5** 6 **Qxe5** 4 **20.Rxe5** 0 **a6** 15 Black is on the road to

losing.
[20...Re8±]
21.Rb6± 13 **Re8** 4 **22.Nb3** 1 **Kf8** 46 **23.Nc5** 6 **Ra7** 27 **24.Kf1** 1:42
White is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **24...Rd8** 12 **25.f3** 21 **Nc6** 5 **26.Re2** 4 **Re8** 25 **27.Reb2** 11 **Re7** 7
[27...g6± keeps fighting. 28.a4 *(28.Nxb7 Bxb7 29.Rxb7 Rxb7±)* 28...Re7]



28.Bxa6!+- 9 **Nxd4** 7 **29.cxd4** 11
[29.Bxb7?! Ne6±]
29...bxa6 3 **30.Rd6** 1 **Re8** 1:13 **31.a4** 13 **Rae7** 13 **32.Kf2** 5
[32.Rxd5 Be6 33.Nxe6+ Rxe6±]
32...Re1 3 **33.Rxd5** 12 **Rd1** 9 **34.h4** 14 **g6** 3 **35.Rd6** 15 **Ke7** 3
[35...a5± 36.g4 h5]
36.Rc6 7 Threatens to win with Re2+.
36...Kf8 17 **37.Rb8** 3
[Don't play 37.Nxa6?! Bxa6 38.Rxa6 Rxd4±]
37...Bf5 3 **38.Rxe8+** 1
[Less strong is 38.Nxa6 Rxd4 39.a5 Rd2+ 40.Kg3 Ra2±]
38...Kxe8 0 Endgame KRB-KRN **39.Ke3** 0
[Weaker is 39.Nxa6 Rxd4 40.a5 Ra4±]
39...a5 8 **40.g4** 1 **Bc2** 3 **41.h5** 1 **Kf8** 7
[⌓41...gxh5 42.gxh5 Ra1]
42.Nd7+ 10 **Ke7** 1 **43.Rxc2** 1 **Kxd7** 0 KR-KR **44.Rc5** 0 **Re1+** 8 **45.Kd2** 3 **Rf1** 1 **46.Ke2** 7 **Ra1** 1 **47.Rxa5** 2 **Ra3** 1 **48.Ra7+** 3 **Ke6** 1 **49.Ra6+** 1 **Kd5** 2 **50.hxg6** 1 **fxg6** 1 **51.Rxg6** 0 **Kxd4** 1 **52.Rd6+** 1 **Ke5** 1 **53.Rxh6** 0 **Rxa4** 9 **54.Ke3** 1 **Ra3+** 2 **55.Kf2** 0 **Kf4** 4 **56.Rf6+** 2 **Kg5** 0 **57.Rf5+** 0 **Kg6** 1 **58.Kg3** 0 **Rb3** 1 **59.Re5** 4 **Kf6** 2 **60.Re4** 4 **Kg5** 2 **61.Re5+** 15 **Kf6!** 2 **62.Re2** 0 White mates. **62...Kg5** 3 **63.Kf2** 18 **Rb5** 10 **64.Re8** 6 **Rb2+** 7 **65.Kg3** 1 **Rb3** 0 **66.Rg8+** 1 **Kf6** 1 **67.g5+** 6 **Kf5** 3 **68.Kh4** 1 **Rb1** 11 **69.Rf8+** 1 **Kg6** 2 **70.Rf6+** 1 **Kg7** 0 **71.f4** 0 **Rg1** 3 **72.Kh5** 5 **Rh1+** 3 **73.Kg4** 1 **Rg1+** 0 **74.Kf5** 0 **Ra1** 0 **75.Rg6+** 3 **Kf7** 1 **76.Re6** 0 **Ra5+** 12 **77.Re5** 1 **Ra6** 1 **78.g6+** 1 **Kf8** 9 **79.Kg5** 3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.30
1-0

66 **D38**
□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2666**
■ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2545**
8th Sharjah Masters 2025 (1.7) 17.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.0-0 Bd6 0.56/20
[10...Bd7= 0.18/20]
[10...Qe7 11.Bxc4 Na5 12.Bd3

Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.Qb4 Qd6 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Qxd6 cxd6 18.Nd2 Rc7 19.Rc2 Rfc8 20.Rdc1 Kf8 21.f3 Ke7 22.e4 g5 23.Kf2 e5 24.Nf1 exd4 25.cxd4 1-0 (60) Fedoseev,V (2717)-Caruana,F (2803) Tata Steel-A 87th 2025 (5)]

[10...a6 11.Bxc4 Bd6 12.Qc2 b5 13.Be2 Nb4 14.Qb3 Bb7 15.e4 Qg6 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rad1 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nh4 Qe6 20.Qxe6 fxe6 21.f4 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 Be7 23.fxe5 Rxf1+ 24.Bxf1 Bxh4 25.g3 ½-½ (38) Doshi,M (2369)-Grover,S (2464) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 04 2025 (4)]

11.Qxc4± Bd7 12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Rac1N

[13.Rad1 a6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc6 17.Qd4 Rfd8 18.Bf3 Qc2 19.Be4 Qa4 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Qxa4 Bxa4 1-0 Koeberl,H (1005)-Strnad,P (624) corr 159.LSS NoEngine Cup Preliminary 4 2016]

13...Rac8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Qxc5 Qxc5 16.Rxc5 Ne7 17.Ne5 Rfd8 18.Rfc1 c6 19.Ra5 a6 20.Ra3 White has more active pieces. **20...Rc7 21.h4** Black is weak on the dark squares **21...g5 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Bh5 f6 24.Bf7+ Kg7 25.Nxd7 Kxf7 26.Nc5 Nf5 27.Rb3 Nd6 28.a4 g4 29.e4** 0.21/22

[29.Kh2± 0.58/23]

29...f5 30.f3 gxf3 31.gxf3 fxe4 32.fxe4 Rg8+ 33.Kf2 Ke8! 34.e5 0.29/25

[34.Rh1± 0.76/20]

34...Rf7+= 35.Rf3 Rxf3+ 36.Kxf3± Endgame KRN-KRN **36...Nf5 37.Nxb7 Nxd4+ 38.Ke3 Rg4 39.Nd6+ Kd7 40.Ne4 Nf5+ 41.Kf3 Rh4 42.Nc5+ Ke7 43.a5 Nd4+ 44.Ke3 Nf5+ 45.Kd3 Rd4+ 46.Kc3 Rd5 47.b4 Nd4?** 1.93/25

[47...Rxe5= 0.24/23 and Black is okay. 48.Nxa6 Re3+ 49.Kd2 Kd6]

48.Re1!+-

[48.Nxa6? Ne2+ 49.Kc2 Nxc1 50.Kxc1 Rxe5-+]

48...Nb5+ 3.26/25

[48...Nf3 2.15/25 49.Re3 Nxe5]

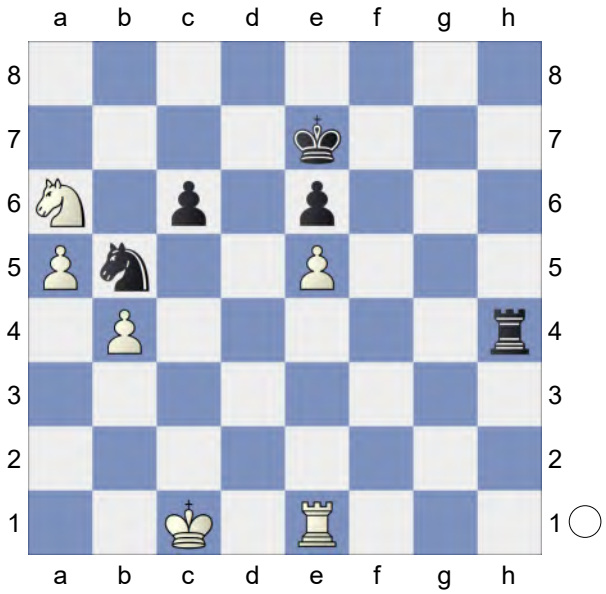
49.Kc4 Rd4+ 50.Kb3 Rh4 3.64/25

[50...Nc7 2.19/24 was necessary. 51.Rh1 Rd5 52.Rh7+ Kd8]

51.Nxa6 Rh3+ 52.Kb2 1.43/24

[52.Kc2+- 3.20/24 has better winning chances.]

52...Rh2+± 53.Kc1! Rh4



Against Re4 **54.Rg1! Kf7**

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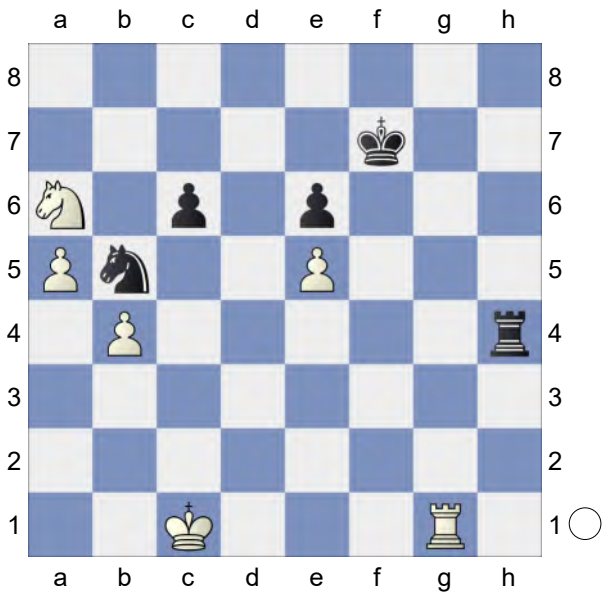
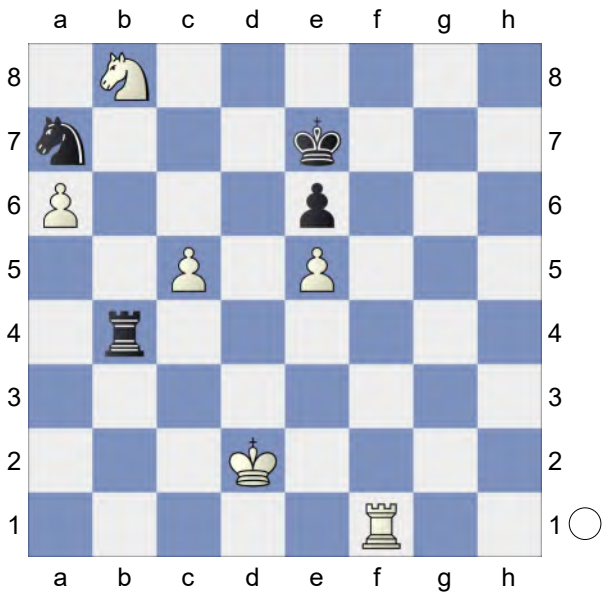


Prevents Rg7+. **55.Kd2! c5?** 3.80/25
[55...Rd4+ 1.85/22 56.Kc2 Re4 57.Rf1+ Ke8]
56.Rf1+? 0.97/24
[Weaker is 56.bxc5 Ra4±]
[56.Nxc5+- 3.80/25 and the rest is easy. Rxb4 57.Rc1]
56...Ke7 57.bxc5 and Rb1 would now be decisive
[57.Nxc5 Rxb4 58.Rh1 Rc4±]
57...Ra4 2.78/25
[57...Kd7± 1.45/25]
58.Nb8+- Na7? 5.68/27
[58...Kd8 2.58/23 is a better chance. 59.Rf7 Kc8]
59.a6 Rb4

(Diagram)

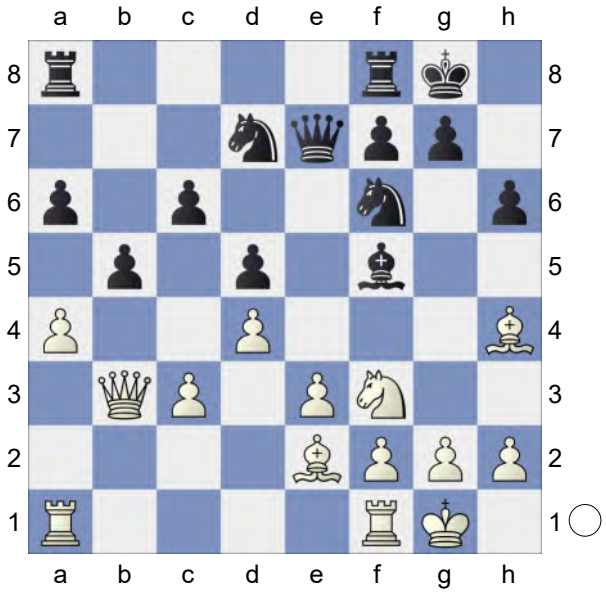


60.Rh1! Rxb8
[60...Kf7 61.Rh7+]
61.Rh7+ Skewer **61...Kd8 62.Rxa7** White wants to mate with Rb7. **62...Rb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.53
63.Rb7
1-0

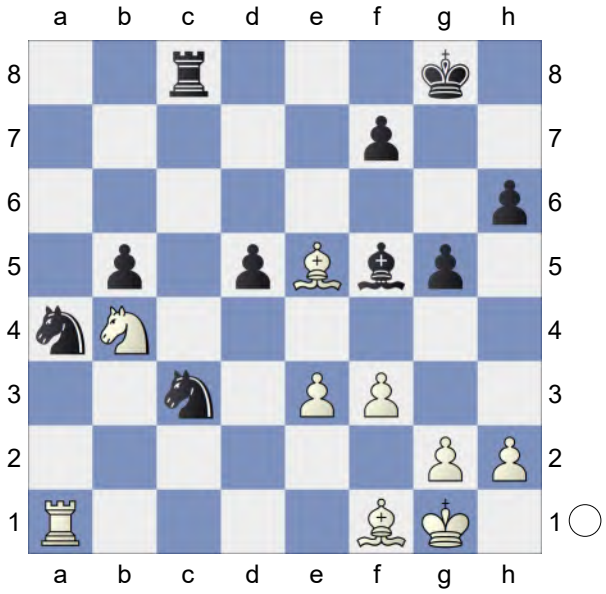
67 **D38**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
Meltwater Tour Final rapid (3.1) 16.11.22
[TA]

1.d4 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 3 **e6** 1 **3.Nf3** 1 **d5** 1 **4.Nc3** 1 **Bb4** 2 **5.cxd5** 4 **exd5** 1 **6.Bg5** 2 **h6** 13
[6...Nbd7 7.Rc1 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qb3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nb6 12.e3 h5 13.c4 h4 14.Be5 f6 15.cxd5 fxe5 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Nxe5 Kg7 18.Bd3 Nd6 19.0-0 g4 20.f4 Rf8 21.e4 1-0 (33) Duda,J (2731)-Giri, A (2764) chess24.com INT 2022]
7.Bh4 3 **0-0** 1 D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4).

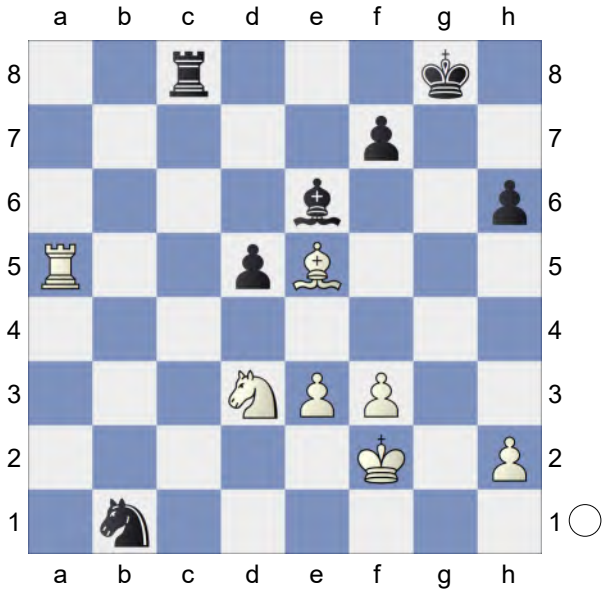
8.e3 2 **Bf5** 2 **9.Be2** 2 **Nbd7** 20
The position is equal. **10.Qb3** 6 **Qe7** 23
11.0-0 3 **c6** 42 **12.a3** 3 **Bxc3** 45
13.bxc3 0 **b5** 7 **14.a4** 1 **a6** 4



15.Ra3!?N 0 New and interesting.
New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.
[Vorgänger: Predecessor: 15.Ra2 Qe6 16.Rfa1 Nb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Ra6 Nfd7 19.h3 Rxa6 20.Rxa6 Ra8 21.Rxa8+ Nxa8 22.Bd8 Qe8 23.Ba5 Nab6 24.Qb4 Nc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4 26.Qb7 Qe6 ½-½ (26) Basso,P (2600)-Narayanan,S (2658) Cattolica 2022 ½-½ (26) Basso,P (2600)-Sunilduth Lyna,N (2658) Cattolica 2022]
15...g5 3:55 **16.Bg3** 3 **Ne4** 1 **17.axb5** 1:46
[17.Rfa1±]
17...axb5= 9 **18.Rfa1** 3 **Rxa3** 22
19.Qxa3 0 **Qxa3** 57
[19...Re8 keeps more tension. 20.Qb4 h5 21.Ra6 h4]
20.Rxa3 0 **Rc8** 50 **21.Ne1** 4:09 **Nb6** 30
22.f3 5:01 **Nd2** 11 **23.Nd3** 1:23 **Na4** 30
24.Nb4 7 **Nb1** 9 Pair of Knights! **25.Ra1** 1 **Nbxc3** 1:12 **26.Bf1** 3 **c5** 2:35
[26...f6=]
27.dxc5± 0 **Nxc5** 1 **28.Be5** 50 **N5a4** 4



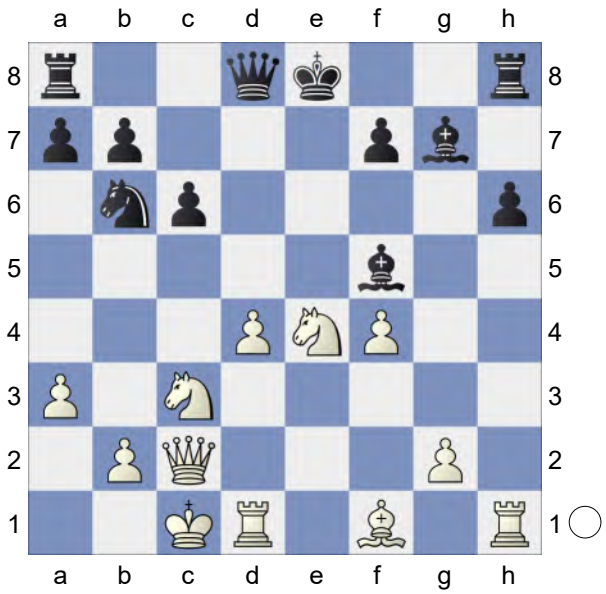
29.Bxb5! 35 Remove Defender
29...Nxb5 13
[29...f6 30.Bxa4]
30.Rxa4 7 **Be6** 53 **31.Ra5** 16 **Nc3** 1:28
32.Kf2 41 **g4** 6 **33.Nd3** 49 White is more active. **33...gxf3** 32 **34.gxf3** 0
[34.Kxf3 Ne4±]
34...Nb1 20
[34...Nd1+± 35.Ke2 Nc3+ 36.Ke1 Nb1]



35.Ra1!+- 1:26 **Bf5** 34 **36.Nf4** 24
[But not 36.Rxb1?! Bxd3 37.Rb6 Re8±]
36...Rc2+ 1:06
[36...Nc3 might work better. 37.Ra3 d4]
37.Kg3 4 **Nd2** 17 **38.Nxd5** 4 **Kh7?** 8
[38...Kf8 39.Bf4 h5]
39.Ne7 36 **f6?** 1:15
[39...Bc8 40.Kf4 Nc4]
40.Bxf6 1:22
[Weaker is 40.Nxf5 fxe5 41.Kg4 Rc7+-]
40...Be4 50 **41.Kf4** 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.24 (precise)
1-0

68 **D38**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2670**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.15)
[Kitty Kat]

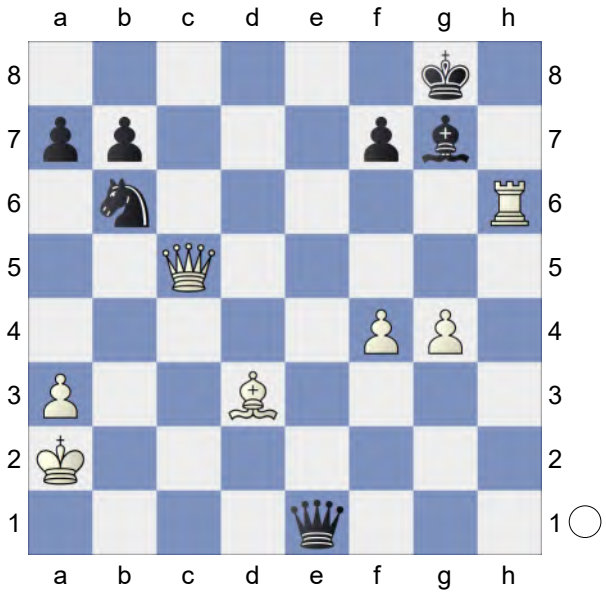
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.Qc2 Nd7 is now debated instead of 11...Be6. wird nun anstelle von 11...Le6 disktutiert. **12.a3 Bf8** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. White is slightly better. **13.e4 dxe4 14.0-0-0 Bg7 15.Ndxe4N** 0.13/21
[Vorgänger: 15.Ncxe4 0.03/21 15.d5 0.54 Nb6 0.66/22 *(15...0-0!= 0.03/21)* 16.Nf3 0.01/22 *(16.f4± 0.66/22)* 16...Be6!= 17.Nc5 Qc7! 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bc4 0-0-0 0.47/19 *(19...Nxc4= -0.01/21 20.Qxc4 Qf7)* 20.Bxe6+± Kb8 21.Kb1 ½-½ (73) Potkin,V (2605)-Khismatullin,D (2650) Sochi 2015 Rd6 22.Bb3 Rhd8 23.Rhe1 a6 24.Re4 Nc8 25.Qe2 Qb6 26.Ka2 Qb5 27.Bc4 Qb6 28.Bb3 Qb5 29.Bc4 Qb6 30.Bb3 Ka7 31.Qe3 Kb8 32.Qe2 Ka8 33.Qe3 Na7 34.Ne5 Bxe5 35.dxe5 Qxe3 36.Rxe3 ½-½ (73) Tyskovec,K (2605)-Seebacher,O (2650) corr L15K1-H-7 2017 (6.6)]
[15.Ncxe4 0-0=]
[15.d5± 0.52/24]
15...Nb6 0.49/22
[15...Nf6= 0.13/21 feels stronger.]
16.f4!± gxf4 0.93/22
[16...Nd5= 0.25/20 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bb5+ Kf8]
17.gxf4± Bf5



18.g4 0.31/22 **Bxe4±**
[18...Bxg4 19.Be2 Bf5 20.Kb1=]
19.Re1 Kf8 1.26/23
[19...f5 20.gxf5 Qd6 21.Nxe4 *(21.Rxe4+ Kf8+-; 21.Qxe4+ Kd8+-)* 21...Qxf4+ 22.Kb1±]
[19...0-0!= 0.01/21 remains equal. 20.Nxe4 Re8]
20.Rxe4 0.79/22

[20.Qxe4 Qxd4 21.Rh5 Qxe4 22.Nxe4 Re8∓]
[⌓20.Nxe4 1.26/23 Black must now prevent Ng3. Qxd4 21.Rh3]
20...Bxd4 1.40/23
[⌓20...Qd6 0.79/22]
21.Ne2!↑ White has strong initiative.
21...Bg7 2.03/22
[21...Bf6± 1.11/24]
22.Ng3+- White has strong compensation. **22...Qd5** **23.Kb1** Against Qa2+ **23...Rd8** **24.Be2** Dodges Qd1+ **24...Qd7** 4.10/21
[24...Qd2± 1.43/22 might work better.]
25.Nf5 **Re8?** 8.07/24
[25...Nd5 3.68/21 26.Qc5+ Kg8]
26.Qc5+ **Kg8** **27.Rxe8+** **Qxe8** **28.Ne7+** **Kf8** **29.Nxc6+** Discovered Attack (Check) **29...Kg8** **30.Ne7+**
[30.Nxa7? Qxe2 31.Qc2 Qxc2+ *(31...Qxg4? 32.Nb5-+)* 32.Kxc2 Nd5-+]
30...Kf8 **31.Nf5+** **Kg8** **32.Bd3** Dodges Qe4 **32...Bxb2** **33.Nxh6+?** 0.84/25
[33.Ne7++- 7.77/25 and White stays clearly on top. Kg7 34.Bb5 *(34.Kxb2? Na4+ 35.Ka1 Nxc5-+; 34.Nf5+ Kg8+-)*]
33...Rxh6± **34.Rxh6** **Qe1+** **35.Ka2!**
[35.Kxb2? Na4+ 36.Kc2 Nxc5-+]
35...Bg7? 3.19/25
[35...Qa1+± 0.51/25 36.Kb3 Bf6]

(Diagram)



36.Rh2?? -1.93/26
[36.Bh7+!+- 3.19/25 Kh8 37.Be4+ *(37.Rh2 Qe6+ 38.Kb1 Qe1+ 39.Kc2 Qg3=)* 37...Kg8 *(37...Bxh6? 38.Qe5+ Kg8 39.Bh7+* Discovered Attack *Kxh7 40.Qxe1+-)* 38.Bh7+]
36...Qa1+?? 3.87/5
[36...Qe6+-+ -1.93/26 37.Bc4 Nxc4]
37.Kb3+- **Qd1+** **38.Bc2** **Qxg4** #16/30
[38...Qf3++- 3.73/26 39.Ka2 Qxf4]
39.Rd2?? -6.84/28
[39.Bh7+ #16/30 is the narrow road to win. Kh8 40.Bf5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8 41.Bxg4 a5 42.Qxb6 *(42.Kc2 a4 43.Qxb6 Bf8 44.Bf5 Bg7 45.Bh7+ Kh8 46.Qd8+ Bf8 47.Qxf8#)* 42...Bf8 43.Kc2 *(43.Qxa5 b6 44.Qe5 Bg7 45.Qe8+ Bf8; 43.Rh8+ Kxh8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Bh5 Kh7 46.Qxf7+ Bg7 47.Bg6+ Kh6 48.Be4 a4+ 49.Kc2 Bh8 50.Qh7#)* 43...Be7 44.Bf5 *(44.Qxb7 Bxa3 45.Qc8+ Bf8)* 44...f6 45.Qe6+ *(45.Qxb7 Kf7 46.Rh7+* Skewer *Kg8 47.Qd5+ Kf8 48.Qf7#)* 45...Kf8 46.Rh8+ Kg7 47.Qg8#]
39...Qe6+-+ **40.Kb4**

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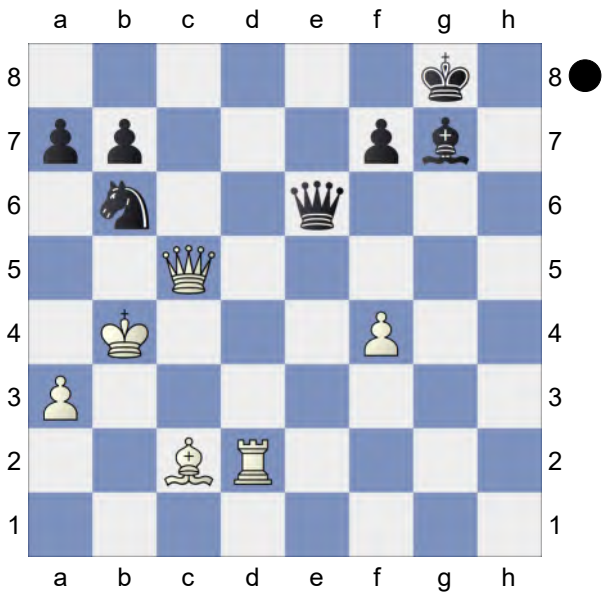
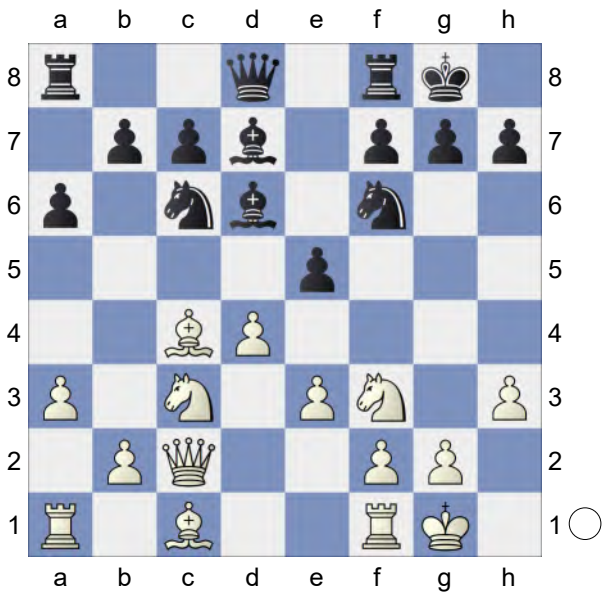


Rd8+ would kill now.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=1.04
40...a5+?? 4.44/28 Loss on time!?
0-1

70 **E51**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (4.1)
[TA]

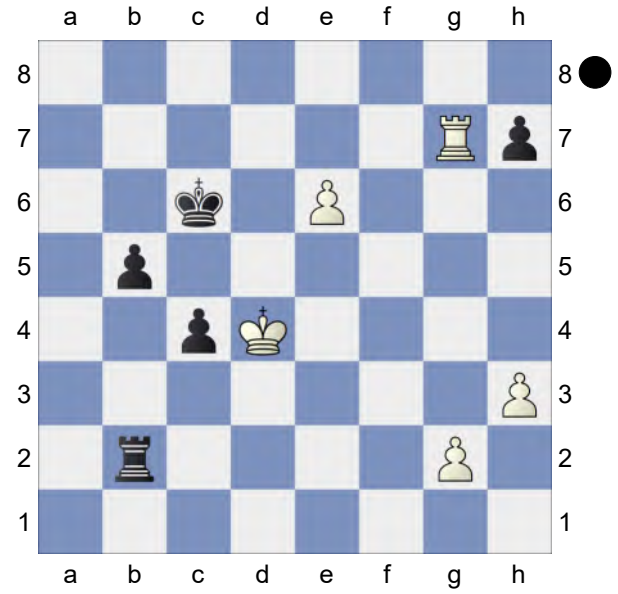
Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 3 **e6** 2 **3.Nf3** 2 **d5** 2 **4.Nc3** 0 **Bb4** 1 **5.Qa4+** 5 **Nc6** 1 **6.e3** 2 **0-0** 4 **7.Qc2** 9 **dxc4** 12 **8.Bxc4** 4 **Bd6** 0 **9.0-0** 26 **e5** 2 **10.h3** 12 **a6** 17 **11.a3** 12 **Bd7** 22

(Diagram)



E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4... 0-0 5 Nf3 d5. **12.dxe5N** 3:15
[Predecessor: 12.Bd2 exd4 13.exd4 Qc8 14.Ne4 Bxh3 15.Nxd6 Qg4 16.Ne1 Nxd4 17.Qd1 cxd6 18.Bc3 Nc6 19.Be2 0-1 (84) Le,Q (2709)-Mamedyarov,S (2771) Oslo 2022]
12...Nxe5 0 **13.Nxe5** 1 **Bxe5** 2 **14.Bd2** 1 **Qe7** 1:35 **15.f4** 1:54 **Bxc3** 1:04 **16.Bxc3** 0 **Bb5** 35 **17.Bxf6** 1:28 **Qxf6** 10 **18.Bxb5** 6 **axb5** 0 **19.e4** 11 **Qd4+** 1:56 **20.Kh2** 5 **Qc4** 5 **21.Rac1** 2:13 **Qxc2** 25 **22.Rxc2=** 0 Endgame KRR-KRR **22...c6** 0 **23.Rd2** 8 **Rfd8** 33 Against Rd7 **24.Rfd1** 5 **Rxd2** 1 **25.Rxd2** 0 KR-KR **25...Kf8** 1 **26.Rd4** 2:19 **f6** 3:48 **27.Kg3** 6 **Ke7** 1 **28.Kf3** 14 **b6** 36 **29.Ke3** 28 **c5** 12 **30.Rd3** 40 **Ra4** 7 **31.Rb3** 1:54 **b4** 31 **32.axb4** 0 **c4** 14 **33.Ra3** 2 **Rxb4** 0 **34.Ra7+** 1 **Kd6** 2:06 Hoping for ...b5. **35.Rxg7** 53
[35.Kd4=]
35...b5!∓ 3 White must now prevent ... Rb3+. **36.Kd4** 28 **Rxb2** 6 **37.e5+!** 3 **fxe5+** 3:08 **38.fxe5+** 0 **Kc6!** 1 aiming for ...Rd2+.
[Much worse is 38...Ke6 39.Rb7=]
39.e6? 18

[Only move: 39.Rxh7∓ Rd2+ 40.Ke3 *(40.Kc3 Rd3+ 41.Kb2 Rg3∓)* 40...Rxg2 41.e6]



39...Rd2+!-+ 36
[Worse is 39...Re2 40.e7=]
40.Ke3 13 **c3** 19
[40...Rd6-+ 41.e7 Kd7]
41.Rg8= 1:01 e7 would kill now. The position is equal. **41...Kd6** 17 **42.Rd8+** 6 **Kxe6** 3 **43.Rxd2** 0 **cxd2** 0 **44.Kxd2** 0 KPP-KPP **44...Kf5** 1:39 **45.Kc3** 2 **Kf4** 14 **46.Kb4** 6 **Kg3** 28 **47.Kxb5** 2 **Kxg2** 31 KP-KP
[47...h5!? 48.Kc4□ Kxg2=]
48.h4 2 **h5** 7
[48...Kg3!? 49.h5□ Kf4=]
49.Kc4 2 **Kg3** 2 **50.Kd3** 2 **Kxh4** 0 KP-K **51.Ke2** 1 **Kg3** 0

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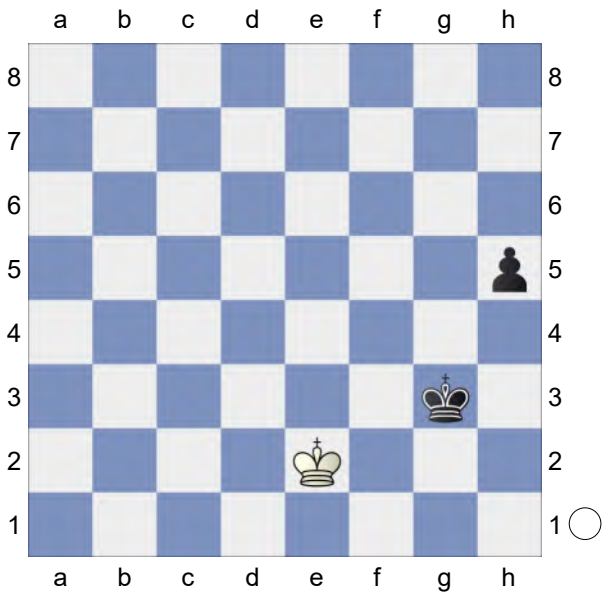
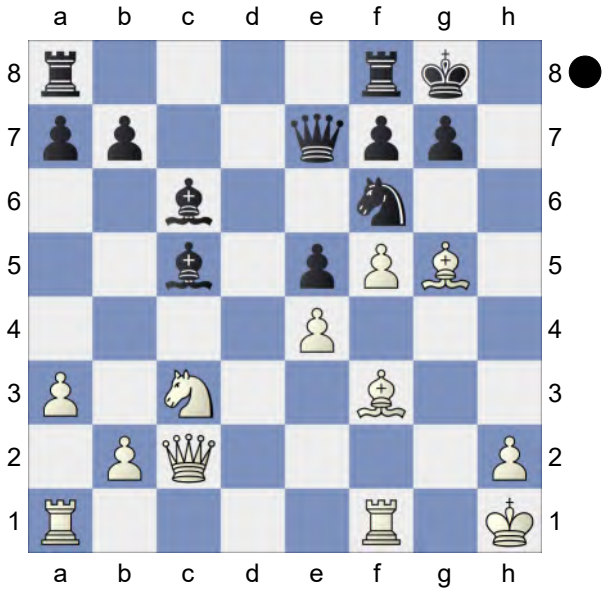


(→ ...Kg2) **52.Kf1** 1 **Kh2** 1
[52...h4!?]
53.Kf2 1 **h4** 0 **54.Kf1** 1 **h3** 0
[54...Kg3!?]
55.Kf2 1 **Kh1** 1 **56.Kg3** 2 **h2** 1 **57.Kf2** 1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

69 **D39**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (4.3)
[TA]

Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 2 **e6** 1 **3.Nf3** 1 **d5** 2 **4.Nc3** 0 **Bb4** 0 **5.Bg5** 2 **dxc4** 7 **6.e4** 2 **c5** 0 **7.Bxc4** 5 **cxd4** 2 **8.Nxd4** 1 **Qa5** 0 **9.Bd2** 14 **Qc5** 1 D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4. **10.Bb5+** 1 **Bd7** 1 **11.Nb3** 1 **Qe7** 0 White has an edge.11...Qc7 deserves study. 11...Dc7 verdient Beachtung. **12.Bd3** 11 **Nc6** 5 **13.0-0** 2 **0-0** 4 **14.Kh1!?** 14 Leaves trodden paths. A promising side line.

Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **14...Ne5** 3:12 **15.Be2** 4 **Ng6** 25 **16.a3** 6 **Bd6** 2
[16...Bxc3!? 17.Bxc3 Rfd8=]
17.f4 12 **e5!** 11 **18.f5** 2 **Nf4** 1 **19.Bf3** 0 **h6** 3:47 **20.g3** 2:01 **Nd3** 47 **21.Qc2** 4 **Nc5** 4 **22.g4** 1 And now Nxc5 would win. **22...Nxb3** 1:21 **23.Qxb3** 0 **Bc6** 1 **24.g5** 4 **hxg5** 4 **25.Bxg5** 0 **Bc5** 41 **26.Qc2** 3



Rfc8N 4:58
[26...Rfd8!= keeps the balance.]
[Predecessor: Vorgänger: 26...Rfd8 27.Rae1 Bd4 28.Qg2 Rd6 29.Ne2 Bb6 30.Nf4 Qf8 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.exd5 Bd4 ½-½ (48) Repp,H (2500)-Tauber,H (2539) GER email 2017]

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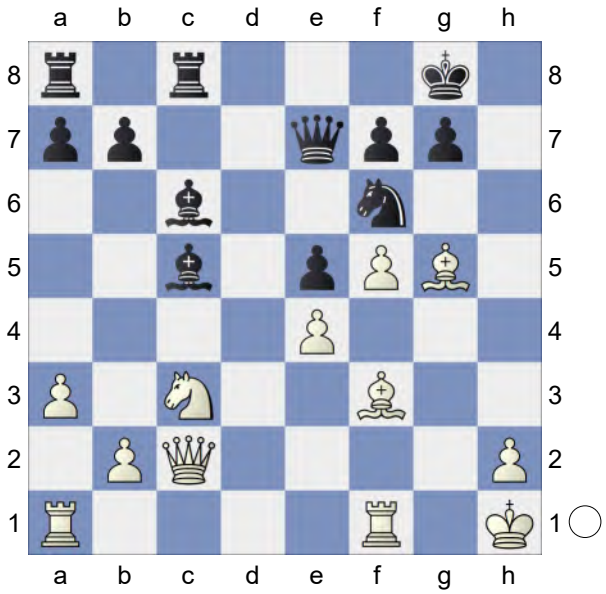

27.Qg2!± 4 Black must now prevent Rg1! **27...Qd6?** 19
[27...Kf8±]
28.Rad1+- 1:04 **Bd4** 3 **29.Rg1** 55 **Nh7?** 1:14
[29...Ne8]
30.Ne2 53 **Nxg5** 1:00
[30...f6]
31.Qxg5 0 **Qf8** 0 **32.Nxd4** 1:34 Intending f6! and mate. **32...f6** 2 **33.Qh6** 1:57 **exd4** 2 **34.Rg3→** 10 White has some attack.
[34.Rxd4 Rd8 35.Qe3 Rxd4 36.Qxd4 Rd8 37.Qc4+ *(37.Qxa7 Rd3=)* 37...Qf7±]
[34.Rg6+-]
34...g5 10 **35.Qh5** 2:54 White is much more active. **35...Rc7** 1:08 **36.Rh3** 16 Qh8+ would kill now.
[36.Rxd4?! Rh7 37.Qg4 *(37.Qg6+ Kh8∓)* 37...Qc5∓]
36...Qg7 20

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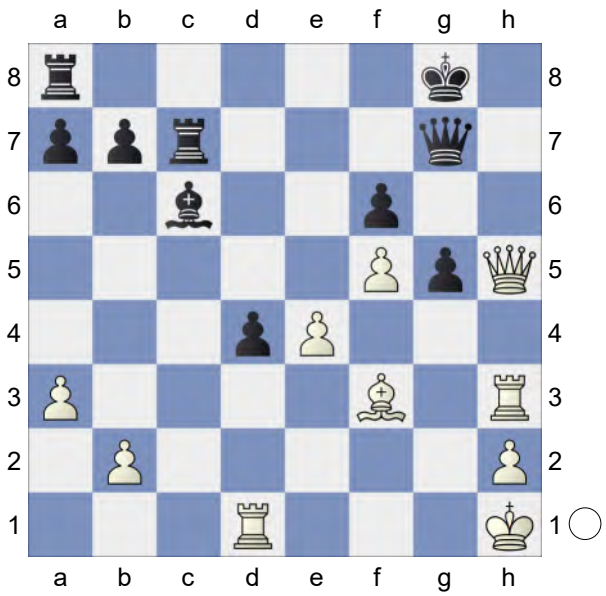


Inhibits Qh8+. **37.e5!** 19 aiming for Bxc6.

[Reject 37.Rxd4?! Be8 38.Qg4 Rc1+ 39.Rd1 Qc7=]

37...Bxf3+ 29

[37...fxe5? 38.Bxc6 Rxc6 39.Rg1+-]

[37...Be8± 38.Bd5+ Kf8 39.Qh8+ Qxh8 40.Rxh8+ Ke7]

38.Qxf3 7 Threatens to win with Qd5+.

38...Rac8 31

[38...Rd8 keeps fighting.]

39.Rg1? 49

[Weaker is 39.Rxd4 Rc1+ 40.Rd1 Qd7 41.Qb3+ Kf8∓]

[39.Qd5++- and the rest is easy. Qf7 40.e6 *(40.Qxd4 Rc1±)*]

39...fxe5? 13

[39...Rc5±]

40.f6 1:29 White mates. **40...Qg6** 1 **41.Qd5+** 2 **Rf7** 2 **42.Qxe5** 1 **Rxf6** 8 **43.Rxg5** 28 **Rc1+** 5 **44.Kg2!** 1 **Rc2+** 8 **45.Kg3!** 2 **Re2** 10 **46.Qxf6** 7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.46

1-0

71 **D38**

□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2741**

■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2718**

Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (4.3)

[TA]

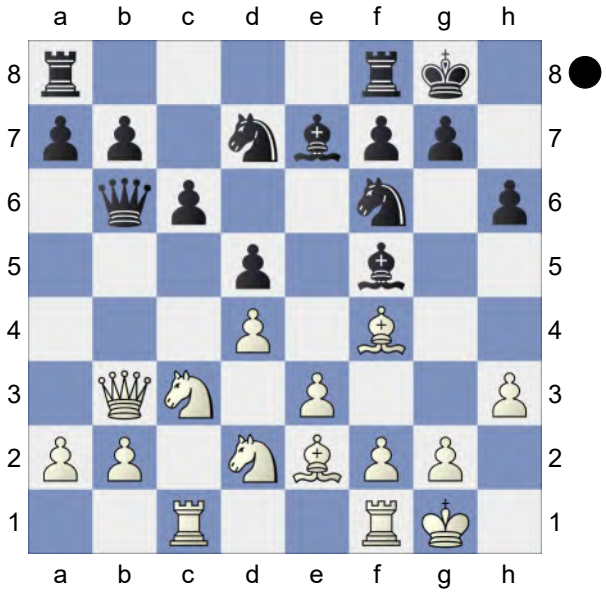
Rapid 15min+10sec **1.d4** 0 **Nf6** 0 **2.c4** 1 **e6** 2 **3.Nc3** 1 **Bb4** 1 **4.Nf3** 0 **d5** 23 **5.cxd5** 21 **exd5** 3 **6.Bf4** 2

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4). **6...0-0** 19

6...Ne4 deserves study. **7.e3** 6 **Bf5** 11 **8.Rc1** 47 White has an edge.

[8.Qb3!? Nc6 9.Be2=]

8...c6 30 **9.Qb3** 8 **Qb6** 13 **10.Be2** 4 **Be7** 17 **11.Nd2** 7 **Nbd7** 29 **12.0-0** 2 **h6** 22 **13.h3** 1



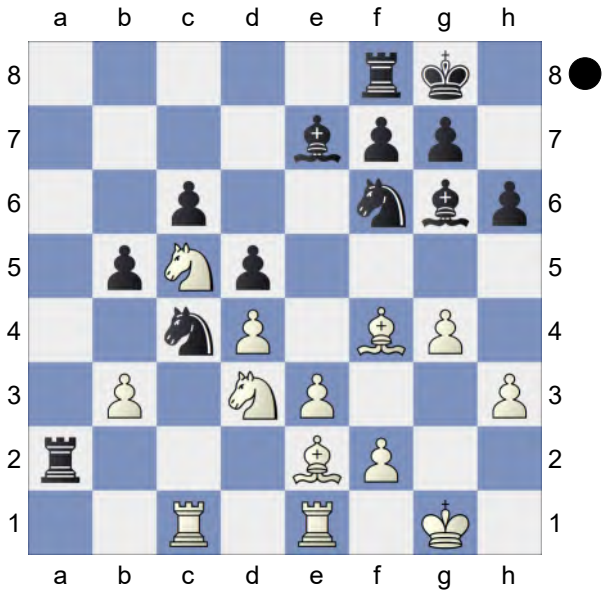
Qxb3N 28

[Predecessor: 13...Rfe8 14.Rfe1 Bf8 15.Na4 Qa5 16.Nf3 Qb4 17.Qxb4 Bxb4 18.Red1 Ne4 19.Bd3 Be6 1-0 (58) Guo,Q (2396) -Karavade,E (2384) Riadh 2017]

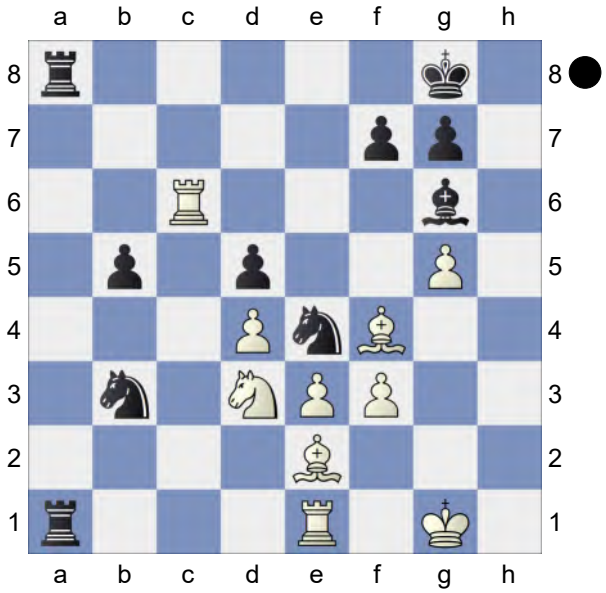
14.Nxb3 5 Strongly threatening g4.

14...a5 0 **15.Na4** 8 **b5** 57 **16.Nac5** 2 **Nb6** 0 **17.g4** 2:45 **Bg6** 41 **18.Nd3** 31 **a4** 42 **19.Nbc5** 1:14 **Nc4** 1:00 **20.b3** 2:38 **axb3** 0 **21.axb3** 1 **Ra2** 1:43

22.Rfe1 5



Black must now prevent Nb4. **22...Bxc5** 19 **23.Nxc5** 9 **Nd2** 4 **24.h4** 2:29 **Rfa8** 2:57 **25.g5** 28
[25.f3!?]
25...hxg5 0 **26.hxg5** 1 **Nfe4** 45 **27.Nd3** 1:45
[27.Nxe4= Bxe4 28.Rxc6]
27...Nxb3 3:14
[27...c5!∓ 28.Nxc5 b4]
28.Rxc6= 4 **Ra1** 1 **29.f3?** 1:16
[29.Rxa1= Rxa1+ 30.Kg2]



29...Nxg5!∓ 27 Pair of Knights! **30.Rxa1** 1:27
[30.Kf1 Nxf3]
30...Rxa1+ 0 **31.Kf2** 1 **Ne6** 51
[31...Nh3+-+ 32.Kg2 Bf5]
32.Bd6↑ 59 White fights for an advantage. **32...Ra2** 49 Threatens to win with ...Bxd3. **33.Nb4** 29 **Rb2** 6 **34.Ke1** 21
[White should try 34.Rc3=]
34...Rb1+ 29
[34...Kh7∓ 35.Rc8 *(35.Bxb5 Ng5∓)* 35...Ng5]
35.Kf2 1 **Rb2** 31 **36.Ke1** 1:59
[White should play 36.Rc3=]
36...Rb1+ 44
[36...Kh7!∓ 37.Rc8 *(37.Bxb5 Ng5=)* 37...Ng5]
37.Kf2 21 **Rb2** 22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

72 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2417**
■ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3088**
Rapid 14.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Rc1
[8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 *(10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb3 14.axb3 Nxc5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Bf3 Be6 18.b4 Nd3 19.Be2 Ne5 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.e4 Bd7 23.Kf2 a6 24.Rfd1 Rfe8* 0-1 (33) Ibrahimli,M (2406)-Caruana,F (2764)

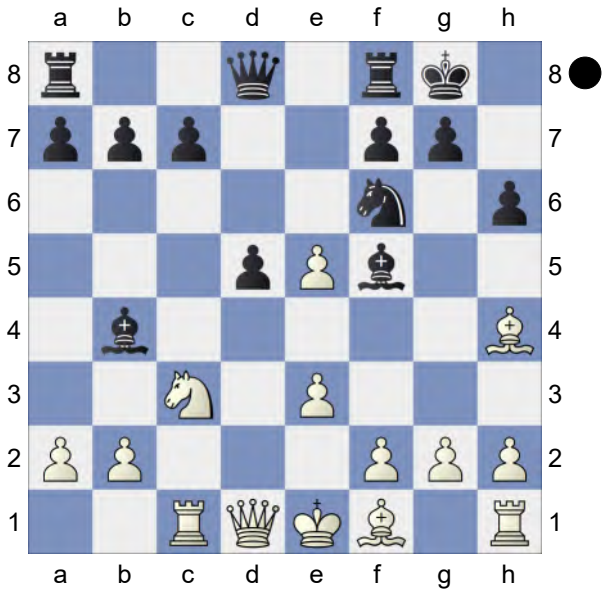
Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (5)) 10...Nbd7 11.Be2 c6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rfxd8 15.f3 c5 16.Kf2 Rac8 17.Rhc1 Rc7 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Bg6 20.Bf3 Ne5 21.Ke3 Nc6 22.Nb3 cxd4+ 0-1 (70) Persse,D (2739)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2702) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2007 (2.1)]

8...Bf5 9.e3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **10.Ne5N** -0.30/23

[⌓10.Qb3 0.07/20 c5 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(11...Nxf6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxd5=)* 12.Qxd5]

[10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 d4 16.b4 Qxa3 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Rc4 Bd5 19.Rxd4 Qc3+ 20.Qd2 Qa1+ 21.Qd1 Qc3+ 22.Qd2 Qa1+ 23.Qd1 Queen'S Gambit-6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 Survey 2022]

10...Nxe5= 11.dxe5



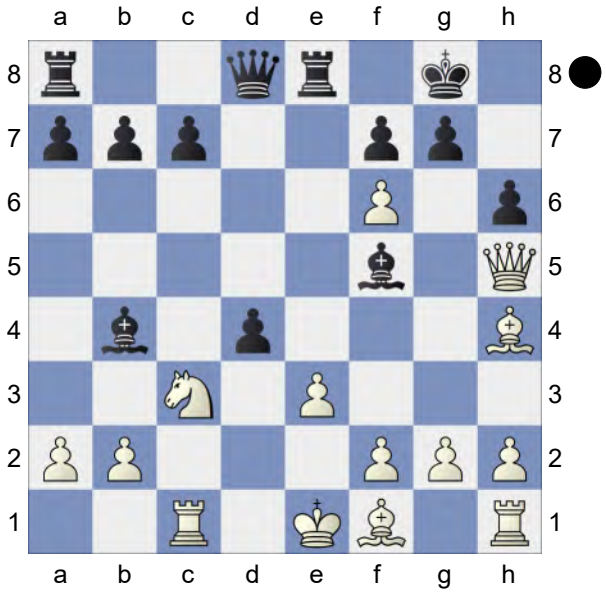
Re8! 12.exf6 -1.07/23

[12.Qb3∓ -0.43/22 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3]

[12.f4 g5]

12...d4∓ Pin **13.Qh5?** -6.69/27

[13.Bc4∓ -0.87/21 dxc3 14.bxc3 *(14.Bxf7+? Kxf7 15.bxc3 Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Ba3-+)* 14...Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 16.Ke2]



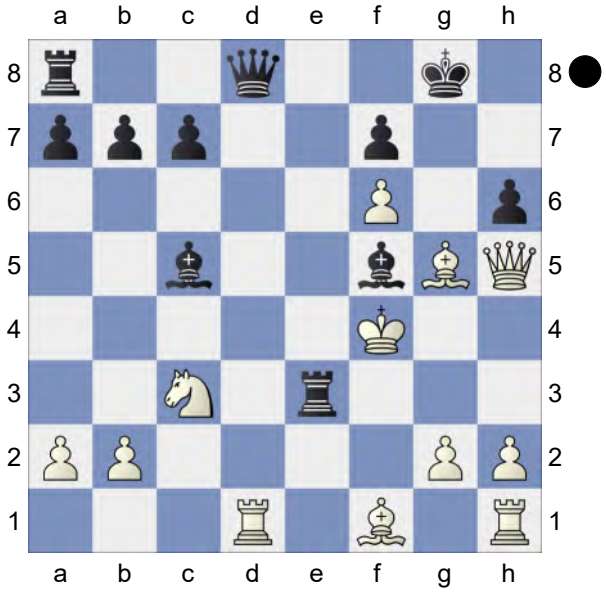
13...dxe3!-+ 14.Rd1 Inhibits Qd2+.

[14.fxe3 Rxe3+]

14...exf2+

[Not 14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 e2 16.Bxe2+- *(16.Rxd8 exf1R+ 17.Kxf1 Raxd8=)*]

15.Kxf2 Bc5+ 16.Kg3 Re3+ 17.Kf4 g5+ 18.Bxg5



Qe8! 19.Kxf5 Re5+ 20.Kf4 Qe6 (-> ...Qf5+)

[Less strong is 20...Be3+ 21.Kf3 Qc6+ *(21...Rf5+ 22.Ke2±)* 22.Nd5 Bxg5 23.Kg3 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Be2∓]

21.Kg3 Rxg5+

[21...hxg5 22.Be2 Qxf6 23.Rhf1 Re3+ 24.Rf3±]

22.Qxg5+ hxg5 23.h4 Qxf6 (-> ...Qf4+) **24.Kh3 Qf5+ 25.Kh2 Qf2 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Nd1 Qxh4+ 28.Rh3 Qf4+ 29.g3 Qd2+** Black mates. **30.Bg2 Re2 31.Nf2 Rxf2 32.Rg1 Re2 33.Rh4 Bxg1+ 34.Kh3 gxh4 35.b4 Rxg2 36.Kxh4 Qd4+ 37.Kh5 Rxg3 38.b5** Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.85/ Black=0.42

38...Qh8#

0-1

74 **D38**

□ **admete_bot** **2407**

■ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3105**

Rapid 15.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.e3 Be6 10.Bd3 c6 11.0-0 Na4 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **11...Bd6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.e4N**

[13.Rab1 Qd8 14.b4 0-0 15.Na4 Bg4 16.Be2 Qe7 17.a3 Nb6 18.Nb2 a5 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.Qb3 Bc7 21.a4 Qd6 22.g3 Qf6 23.Kg2 g5 24.Qd1 Qf5 25.Ng1 Bxe2 26.Nxe2 Qe4+ 27.Kg1 f5 ½-½ (56) Lechtynsky,J (2312)-Flajsman,P (2187) Nepomuk 3rd 2023 (4) 28.Nc3 Qe7 29.Nd3 Ra7 30.Nc5 Nc4 31.Rxb7 Rxb7 32.Nxb7 Bxg3 33.hxg3 Qxb7 34.Qd3 Kg7 35.Rb1 Qc7 36.Rb3 f4 37.e4 fxg3 38.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 39.fxg3 Na5 40.Rb6 Rf3 41.Ne2 dxe4 42.Ra6 Nc4 ½-½ (56) Litko (2312)-Geisensetter,F (2187) HUN-ch_96936 1999 (4)]

13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qc7 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Rae1 0-0 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Bf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Kg8 20.Re4 Rae8 21.Rfe1 g6 22.Qa5 Rxe4 23.Rxe4 Nf6 24.Re1 Ra8 25.h3 Nd5 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.a3 Qf6 28.Re4 Rd8 29.Qa5 a6 30.a4 h5 31.Qd2 Rd7 32.Ne5 Re7 33.Qe1 Qf5

[33...Qe6!? 34.f3□ Qd6∓]

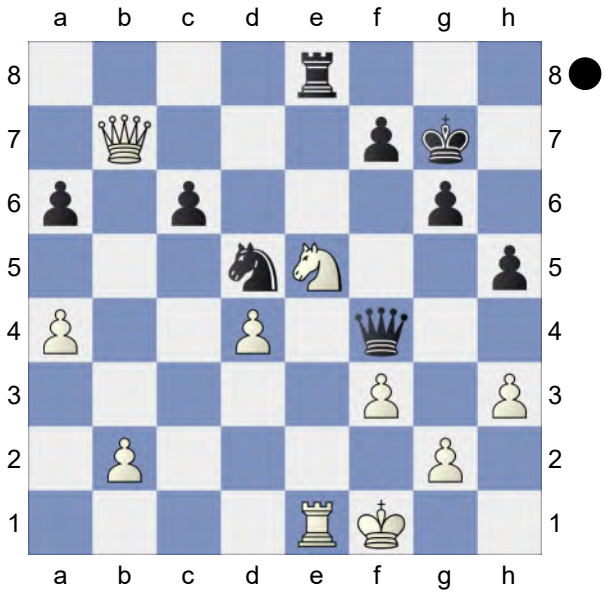
34.f3 Nf6 35.Qb4 Re8 36.Re1 -1.00/22

[White should try 36.Re2∓ -0.37/22]

Black converts the advantage convincingly. **36...Qf4↑** Keeping White busy. **37.Kf1?** -3.34/24

[37.Kh1∓ -0.83/22 b5 38.axb5 cxb5 39.Qc3]

37...Nd5-+ 38.Qxb7



Re7! 39.Qxa6

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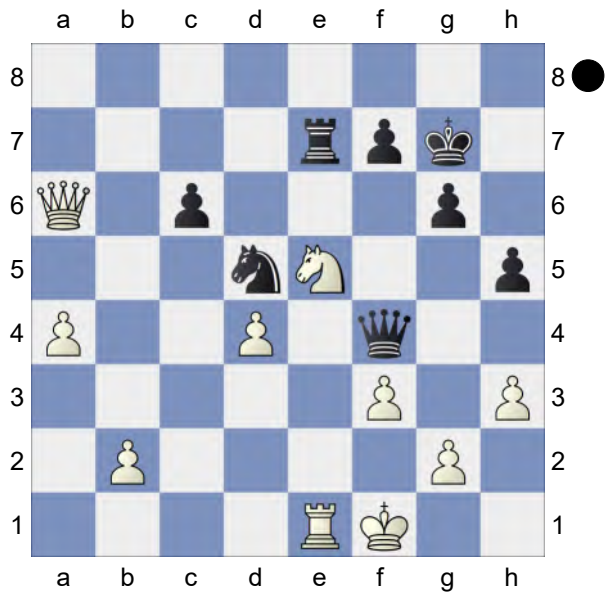
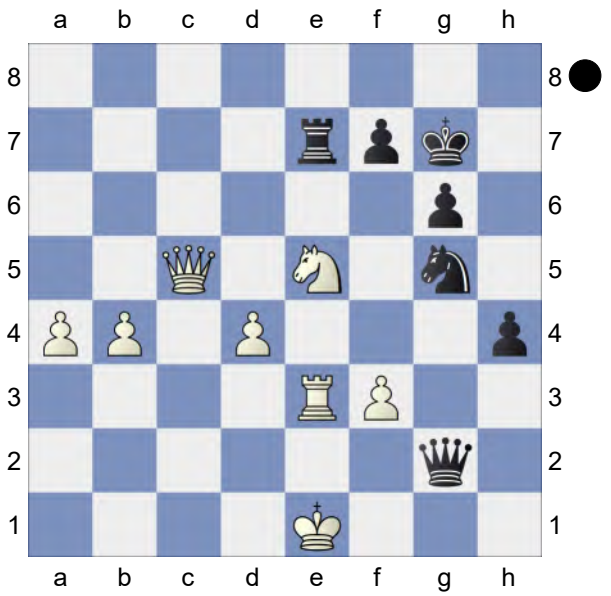


Qh2! 40.Re4
[40.Nxc6? Qh1+ 41.Kf2 Qxe1#]
[40.Qxc6 Nf4 41.Re4 Qxg2+ 42.Ke1 Nxh3∓]
40...Nf4 41.Qxc6 Qh1+
[41...Qxg2+ 42.Ke1-+]
[41...Nxg2 42.Qc5 Re8 43.Qc4=]
42.Kf2 Qxg2+
[42...Nxg2? 43.Nd7 Rxd7 44.Qxd7±]
43.Ke1 Nxh3 44.b4? -8.99/19
[44.Qc5 -2.86/21 Rb7 45.b4]
44...Ng5! 45.Re3 h4 And now ...h3 would win. **46.Qc5**

(Diagram)

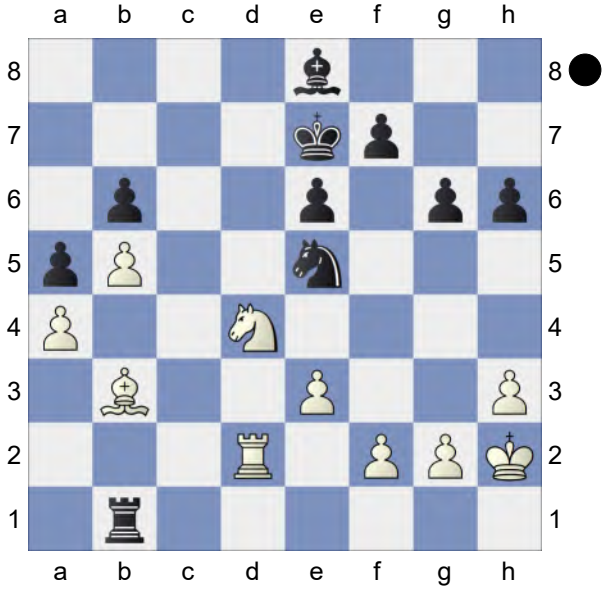


h3! (-> ...h2) **47.Qxe7 h2 48.Qf6+ Kxf6** -16.67/30
[⌓48...Kg8 -#21/29 49.Re2 h1Q+ *(49...h1R+ 50.Kd2=)* 50.Kd2 Qgf1 *(50...Nxf3+? 51.Nxf3 Qh6+ 52.Kd3-+)* 51.Nd3 Qd1+ *(51...Qfxf3 52.Re8+ Kh7 53.Qh8#; 51...Nxf3+? 52.Ke3-+)* 52.Kc3 Qxe2 53.Qe5 Qexf3 *(53...Qa1+? 54.Kc4-+)* 54.Qb8+ Kh7 55.Qf4 Qa1+ 56.Kc4 Qa2+ 57.Kc3 Ne4+ *(57...Qa3+* is a self mate. *58.Kc4 Qaxd3+ 59.Kc5 Qc3+* Deflection *60.Kb6 Qcc6+ 61.Ka5 Qa8+* Skewer *62.Kb6 Qfc6#)* 58.Qxe4 Qxe4 59.a5 Qe3 *(59...Qa3+ 60.Kc4 Qaxd3+ 61.Kc5 Qe6 62.b5 Qdc4#)* 60.d5 Qa3+ 61.Kc4 Qaxd3#]
49.Ng4+ Kg7 50.Nxh2 Qxh2 51.Kd1 Dodges Qc2+ **51...Qf2 52.Re2 Qxf3 53.Kd2 Ne4+ 54.Rxe4 Qxe4 55.Kc3 g5 56.b5 g4 57.b6 g3 58.b7 Qxb7** (-> ...g2) **59.a5 g2 60.a6 Qb5 61.a7?** -#3/8
[61.Kd2= 0.00/9 g1Q *(61...g1B? 62.Kc3-+)* 62.d5 Qb2+ 63.Kd3 Qgd4#]
61...g1Q Black mates. **62.Kc2 Qc4+**

63.Kb2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.31
63...Qgc1#
0-1

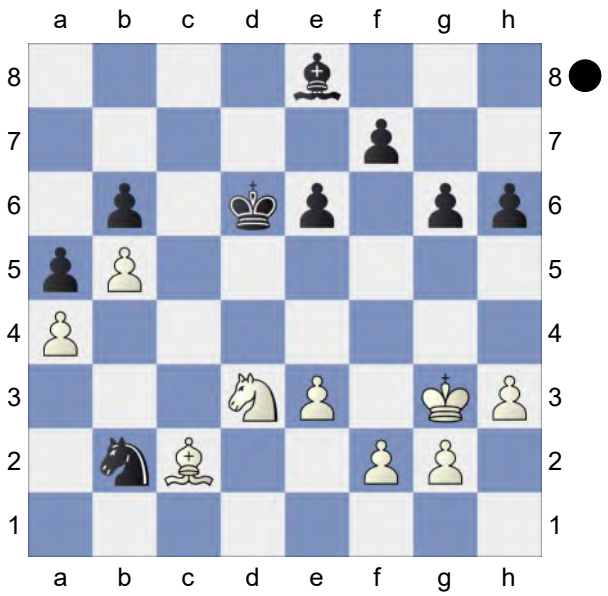
73 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2406**
■ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3107**
Rapid 15.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 Ne4 is the strong threat. **10...cxd4 11.Qxd4**
[11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 *(12.exd4 Rd8 13.a3 Ba5 14.Rc2 Nd7 15.Re2 Nf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Ne5 Be8 19.b4 Bc7 20.g3 Nd5 21.Rc1 a5 22.b5 Qg5 23.Qc2 Bb6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Ned3 Qf6 26.Qb2 Rbc8* 1-0 (40) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-R Of B, F (2550) Budapest Vezerkepzo Christmas GM 2022 (3.4)*)* 12...Ba5 13.Qxd4 Rd8 14.Qc5 Qxc5 15.Nxc5 Nd7 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.a4 Nf6 18.Be2 Ne8 19.a5 Bc7 20.Rc2 Kf8 21.Rfc1 Bd6 22.Nc5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.Ne4 Bb7 25.Nxd6 Nxd6 ½-½ (31) Bu Xiangzhi (2718)-Wei Yi (2734) CHN Team Men 2018 (3.1)]
11...Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 The position is equal. **13.a3 Be7N**
[13...Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rd1 Rfd8 D 39/03-N,N 2003]
14.Rfd1 Rd8 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Be2 Be8 17.Ne4 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Rc8 19.h3 g6 20.b4 a5 21.b5 Nb8 22.Nd6 -0.78/28
[22.Ne5!∓ -0.34/25 feels stronger.]
22...Bxd6∓ 23.Rxd6 Nd7 Prevents Ne5. **24.Nd2 Rc1+ 25.Kh2 Kf8!** White is now going downhill. **26.Nb3** Repels Nc5 **26...Re1 27.Rd2** -1.37/26
[⌓27.Bf3 -0.82/24 Ke7 28.Rd4]
27...b6 28.a4 Rb1 Prevents Rb2. **29.Bd1 Ke7 30.Nd4 Ne5!** Against Nc6+ **31.Bb3**



Against Nc4 **31...Rc1! 32.Kg3** -2.07/23
[32.Nc2∓ -1.27/23]
32...Rc3-+ 33.Rc2 -3.44/25
[33.Bd1 -1.99/21]
33...Rxc2 34.Bxc2 Endgame KBN-KBN **34...Kd6 35.Nf3?** -4.62/24
[35.Nb3 -2.61/23 keeps fighting.]
35...Nc4 36.Ne1 Nb2 37.Nd3 -6.57/29
[⌓37.Kf3 -4.60/21 Kc5 38.Ke2]

(Diagram)



37...Nxd3! 38.Bxd3 KB-KB **38...Kc5 39.Kf3 f6**
[39...Kb4? 40.Bc2∓]
40.Ke4 g5 41.Kf3 Kb4 42.Bc2 Bh5+ 43.g4 Bf7 44.Bd1 Kc3 45.Be2 Bg6 46.Bd1 e5 47.Kg2 Bf7 48.Kg3 Kd2 49.Bf3 Bb3 50.Bc6 Bxa4 51.Bd5 Bxb5 52.h4 a4 53.hxg5 hxg5 And now ...Bd3 would win. **54.Ba2 Bd3** (-> ...b5) **55.Kh3 Kc3** -31.92/23
[⌓55...b5 -#16/32 56.f4 Bc4 *(56...Kxe3? 57.fxg5 fxg5 58.Kg3-+; 56...gxf4? 57.exf4 exf4 58.Bd5-+)* 57.fxg5 fxg5 *(57...Bxa2? 58.gxf6 a3 59.g5-+)* 58.Bb1 a3 *(58...Kxe3* is a self mate. *59.Kh2 b4 60.Bf5 a3 61.Bb1 b3 62.Bh7 a2 63.Bf5 a1Q 64.Bd3 Kxd3 65.Kg2 Bd5+ 66.Kh3 Qh1+ 67.Kg3 Qh4#)* 59.Kh2 Kxe3 *(59...a2 60.Bxa2 Bxa2 61.Kh1 b4 62.Kg1 b3 63.Kg2 b2 64.Kf3 b1Q 65.e4 Qd3+ 66.Kg2 Qxe4+ 67.Kh3 Bd5 68.Kh2 Qg2#)* 60.Kg3 a2 61.Bxa2 Bxa2 62.Kg2 b4 63.Kg3 b3 64.Kg2 b2 65.Kg3 b1Q *(65...b1R 66.Kg2 Bd5+ 67.Kg3 Ke2 68.Kh3 Kf2 69.Kh2 Rh1#)* 66.Kg2 Bd5+ 67.Kg3 Qg1+ 68.Kh3 Qg2#]
56.Kg2 b5 Black mates. **57.f4 b4 58.Be6 a3 59.Bd5 b3 60.fxg5 fxg5 61.Kh3 a2 62.Kh2 a1Q 63.Bg2 b2 64.e4 Qe1 65.Bf3 Qf2+ 66.Bg2 b1Q 67.Kh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
67...Qh4#
0-1

75 **D38**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2747**
■ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2668**
13th World Teams Play-off rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 a6 9.a3 Bd6 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.h3 h6 12.c5 Bf8 13.Ne5N
[13.Be2 e5 14.0-0 Qc8 15.Bc1 Bf5 16.Qb3 e4 17.Nh4 Be6 18.f3 Ne7 19.fxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bc4 c6 22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23.Rf1+ Nf5 24.Rxf5+ Kg8 25.Ng6 Bxc4 26.Qxc4+ Kh7 27.Qf7 Be7 1-0 (35) Keymer,V (2664)-Giri,A (2772) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (5)]
13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ba5

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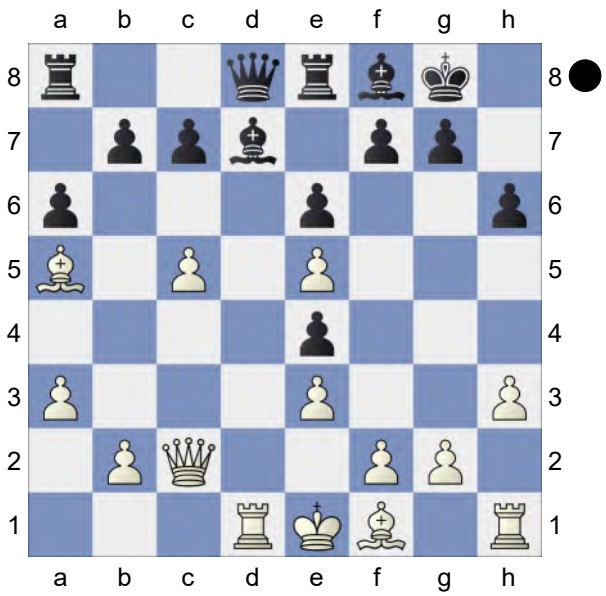
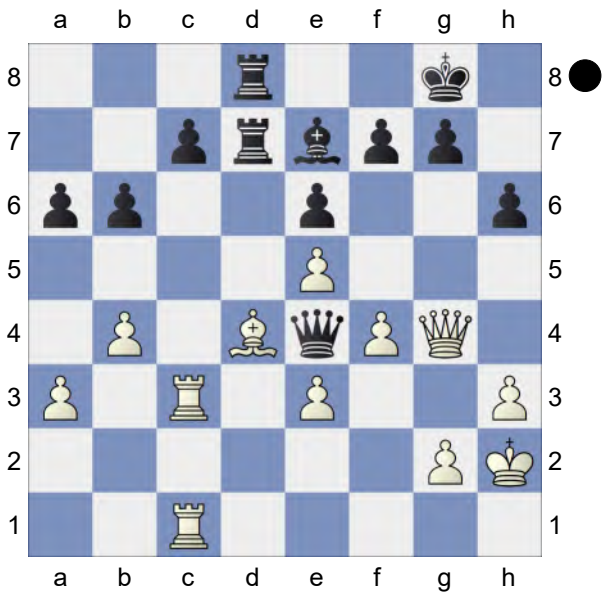


Qc8 17.Qxe4 Hoping for Bd3.
[17.g4 Bc6 18.Bg2 Rd8 19.Rxd8 Qxd8 20.0-0]
17...Bc6! Black is weak on the dark squares **18.Qg4 Rd8 19.Bd3 Rd5 20.Bc3** Bd4 poses a challenge **20...Bxc5 21.0-0 Qe8 22.Be4 Rdd8 23.Kh2 Be7 24.Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Rc1 Rd7 26.b4 Rad8 27.Bd4 Qd5 28.f4 Qe4** -0.12/23
[28...a5∓ -0.48/23 29.f5 exf5 *(29...axb4 30.f6±)* 30.Rxf5 Qe6 *(30...axb4? perishes. 31.e6+-)* 31.bxa5 Ra8]
29.Rc3 b6 30.Rfc1

(Diagram)



c5 31.bxc5 bxc5
[31...Bxc5 simplifies 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.Qf3 Qxf3 34.gxf3 Rd2+]
32.Bxc5 Bxc5 33.Rxc5 Qxe3 Strongly threatening ...Rd4!. **34.R1c3 Rd3 35.Rc8** The position is equal. **35...Qd4 36.Rxd3 Qxd3=** Endgame KQR-KQR **37.Qf3 Qd7 38.Ra8 Qd4 39.Rxa6 g5 40.a4 Qxf4+ 41.Qxf4 gxf4 42.Rd6 Ra8 43.Rd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
43...Ra5
½-½

76 **D38**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**
■ **Hansen,Eric** **2609**
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[TA]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 Bf5 8.Qb3 White has an edge. **8...Nc6 9.Bg5N**

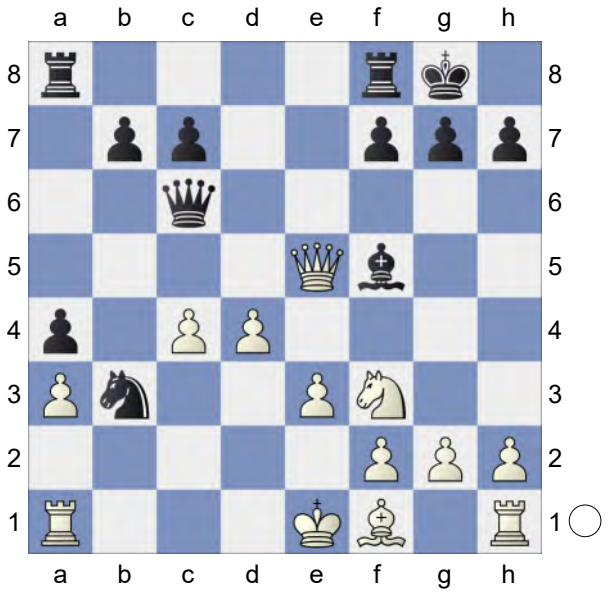
[9.Nh4 Be6 *(9...Be4 10.Be2 h6 11.Bg3 Bh7 12.0-0 a6 13.Nf3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 b5 15.a4 Na5 16.Qb4 c6 17.Ra2 Nc4 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Nd7 20.Bd6 Re8 21.Rfa1 a5 22.Qa3 bxa4 23.Qxa4 Nf6 24.Bf4* 0-1 (65) Yilmaz,M (2634)-Zwardon,V (2503) Paleochora op 15th 2022 (9)) 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Be7 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Be2 c5 16.a3 c4 17.Qd1 Na6 18.b3 Nc7 19.bxc4 dxc4 20.a4 Bb4 21.Qc2 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Nd5 23.Qa3 Rc8 1-0 (58) Molina,R (2863)-Gazi,M (2728) Second Amsterdam-London match 1850-1 (2.3)]

9...a5 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.a3 a4 0.40/22

[11...Bxc3+= -0.10/22 12.bxc3 Ne7]

12.Qxd5± Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Na5 14.Qe5 Threatening Qxf6. **14...Qc6 15.c4 Nb3**

[15...Bg6 simplifies 16.Qd5 Qxd5 17.cxd5 Be4]



16.Qxf5 Nxa1 17.Bd3 g6 18.Qf4 White has compensation. **18...Nb3! 19.0-0 Qd6 20.Qh6 Qf6**

[20...Qxa3 21.Ng5 Rfe8 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.Qxf7#]

21.c5 b6! 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Ne5 Rfc8 24.f4 Rc1 25.Rxc1 Nxc1 26.Bc4 Ra7 27.Ng4 Qd6 28.Qg5 Qe7 29.Qb5 Kg7

[29...Qxa3 30.f5 gxf5 31.Qxf5+-]

30.f5 f6 31.Qd5

[31.Qxb6 Rc7 *(31...gxf5 32.Nxf6 Qxe3+ 33.Kf1=)* 32.Bf1 Rb7 *(32...gxf5 33.Nxf6 Rc8 34.Nd5+-)*]

31...Qf8 Prevents Qg8+. Black is weak on the light squares **32.fxg6 hxg6 33.e4** -0.88/23

[33.h4!= 0.01/21]

33...Qc8 0.01/22

[33...Qxa3 34.Qg8#]

[Better is 33...b5!∓ -0.88/23 34.Qxb5 Qd6 *(34...Qxa3? 35.Qb6+-)*]

34.h3!= Rd7 Wards off e5 **35.Qe6** Dancing on a razor blade. **35...Qd8⇄** Black is not keeping still **36.e5 f5 37.Qf6+?** -3.34/23

[37.Nf6= 0.14/24 and White is okay. Rxd4 *(37...Re7 38.Qd5∓)* 38.Kh2]

37...Qxf6-+ 38.exf6+ Endgame KRN-KBN **38...Kh7 39.Ne5** Threatening mate with f7. **39...Rd6!**

[39...Rxd4 40.f7 Rd8 *(40...Kg7 41.Nxg6 Rd8 42.f8Q+ Rxf8 43.Nxf8+-)* 41.Nd7±]

40.f7 Kg7

[40...Rxd4 41.f8Q Rd1+ 42.Kh2]

41.Nf3 Nb3 42.Ng5 Nd2

[42...Rxd4? 43.Ne6+ Kxf7 44.Nxd4++-]

[42...Nxd4? 43.Nh7 Rd8 *(43...Kxh7? 44.f8Q+-)* 44.f8Q+ Rxf8 45.Nxf8 Kxf8 46.Bd3∓]

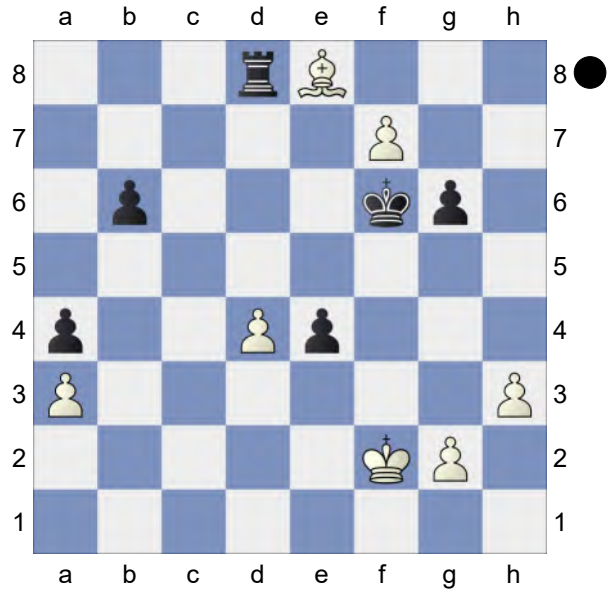
43.Be6 -5.14/21

[⌓43.Bb5 -3.51/19 Ne4 *(43...Rxd4? 44.Be8+-)* 44.Nxe4 fxe4 45.Kf2]

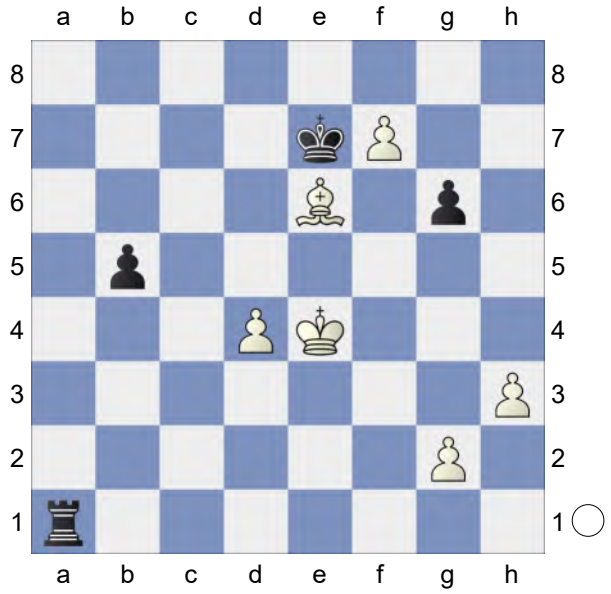
43...Rd8

[43...Rxd4 44.Nh7 Rd8 *(44...Kxh7? 45.f8Q+-)* 45.f8Q+ Rxf8 46.Nxf8 Kxf8 47.Bd7∓]

44.Kf2 Kf6
[44...Rxd4 45.Nh7 Rd8 *(45...Kxh7? 46.f8Q+-; 45...Ne4+ 46.Ke3=)* 46.f8Q+ Rxf8 47.Nxf8 Kxf8 48.Bd7∓]
45.Bd7 Ne4+
[45...Rxd7? 46.f8Q+ *(46.f8R+? Kxg5 47.Ke3 Nc4+ 48.Kd3 Nxa3-+)* 46...Kxg5 47.g3+-]
[45...Kxg5? 46.Be8 Ne4+ *(46...Rxd4? 47.f8Q+-)* 47.Kg1+-]
46.Nxe4+ fxe4 -1.83/25 KR-KB
[⌓46...Kxf7 -3.61/27 47.Bxa4 fxe4 48.Bb3+ Ke7]
47.Be8

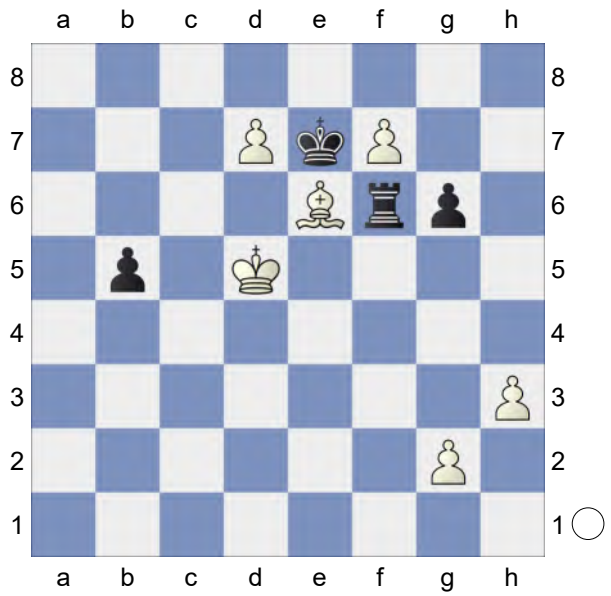


Ke7 -0.18/28
[47...Rxd4 48.f8Q+ *(48.f8B? Rd8-+)* 48...Ke6 49.Qf7+ *(49.Bxg6 Rd2+ 50.Ke3 Rxg2 51.Qf7+ Kd6 52.Qf6+ Kc7 53.Qe7+ Kc8 54.Bf5+ Kb8)* 49...Ke5 50.Qg7+ *(50.Qxg6 Rd2+ 51.Ke1 Rd3+-)* 50...Kd5 51.Bf7+ *(51.Qxg6 Rd2+ 52.Ke1 Rc2+-)* 51...Kd6 52.Qxd4+ Ke7 53.Bxg6]
[47...Kg7!-+ -2.07/27 48.Ke3 *(48.Bxa4 Ra8∓)* 48...Rc8 49.Kxe4 Rc3 50.Bxa4 Kxf7 *(50...Rxa3 51.Be8=)*]
48.Ke3= Rb8 Threatens to win with ... b5. **49.Bxa4**
[49.Kxe4? b5 50.Bc6 b4 *(50...Kxf7? 51.Kd3∓)* 51.axb4 a3-+ *(51...Kxf7 52.Bxa4 Rxb4 53.Bd1∓; 51...Rxb4? 52.Bd5-+)*]
49...b5 50.Bb3 Ra8 51.Kxe4 Rxa3 52.Be6 Deflection, Promotion **52...Ra1?** 2.52/31
[52...Kxe6? perishes. 53.f8Q *(53.f8R b4±)* 53...Ra4 54.Qg7+-]
[52...b4= 0.01/30 and Black has nothing to worry.]

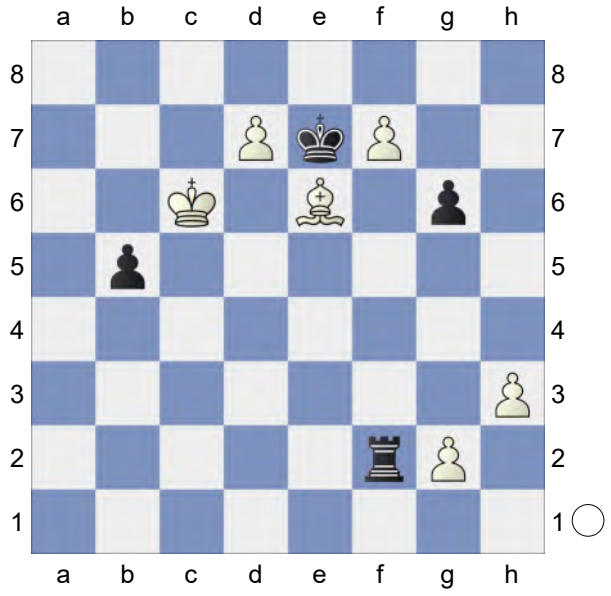


53.d5!+- Rd1? 4.33/26
[53...Re1+ 1.87/30 is a better defense. 54.Kd4 Rf1]
54.Ke5 aiming for d6+!. **54...Rf1?** 9.01/25
[54...Re1+ 2.47/25 55.Kd4 Kf8]
55.d6+ White is clearly winning. **55...Kf8 56.Kd5 Rf6 57.d7 Ke7**

(Diagram)



58.Kc6! Rf2



59.Kxb5! Rb2+ 60.Kc6 Rb8

Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.51

61.Kc7

1-0

77 **D38**

Xu,Xiangyu **2611**

Li,Di **2548**

15th Nat Games Ind Prelim rapid (5.9)

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

Kapnisis,Spyridon: 'After his important win in the ninth round, Carlsen had already secured first place with a round to spare. His final game in the tournament was with Black against So. Was it going to be an interesting battle? ...As a matter of fact, no! So was in no mood to try and break Carlsen's Ragozin, choosing a very quiet line with no hope of putting Carlsen under any pressure. The result of the game was never in doubt and both opponents seemed satisfied with an effortless draw and a peaceful end to their tournament.' Kapnisis,Spyridon: 'After his important win in the ninth round, Carlsen had already secured first place with a round to spare. His final game in the tournament was with Black against So. Was it going to be an interesting battle? ...As a matter of fact, no! So was in no mood to try and break Carlsen's Ragozin, choosing a very quiet line with no hope of putting Carlsen under any pressure. The result of the game was never in doubt and both opponents seemed satisfied with an effortless draw and a peaceful end to their tournament.' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4** The position is equal. **11...Bd7 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc3 14.Qxb7**

[14.Rxc3 Bxc6 15.Bb5 Bd5 16.Bc4 Bc6 17.Bb5 Bd5 18.Bc4 Bc6

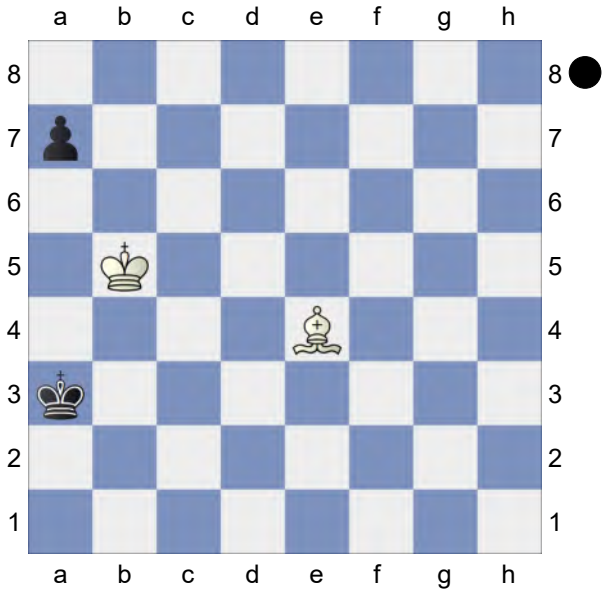
½-½ Xu,Y (2549)-Zhao,C (2406) CHN-ch Xinghua 2023 (5)]

14...Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Bxb2 16.Rb1N

[16.Rc2 Rac8 17.Qa4 Rc7 18.Bd3 Rxc2 19.Bxc2 Rc8 20.Rd1 Qc3 21.Bb3 Qc5 22.g3 Bf6 23.Rd7 Rc7 24.Rxc7 Qxc7 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.h4 g6 27.Qa8 Kg7 28.Kg2 h5 29.Qe4 a5 30.Ba4 Qc5 (38) Chapter Carlsen-Game Chapter Carlsen 31.Qb7 Qb4 32.Qxb4 axb4 33.Kf3 Bc3 34.Kg2 Be1 35.Kf1 Bc3 36.Kg2 Be1 37.Kf1 Bc3 38.Kg2 ½-½ Sudgen,J (2770)-Molina,R (2855) 48/208 Palma de Mallorca 1989]

16...Rab8 17.Bb3 Ba3 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.g3 Qe7 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1= Endgame KQB-KQB **22...g6 23.Ba4 h5 24.Qe8+ Qxe8 25.Bxe8** KB-KB **25...Kg7 26.h3 Bb4 27.g4 hxg4 28.hxg4 f5 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.e4 fxe4 31.Bc6 Kf6 32.Bxe4 Bc5 33.Kg2 Bb6 34.f4 e5 35.Kf3 exf4 36.Kxf4 Ke6 37.a3 Kd6 38.Kf3 Kc5 39.Ke2 Kb5 40.Kd3 Ka4 41.Kc4 Bc5 42.Kxc5 Kxa3 43.Kb5**

[43.Kc4!? a5□ 44.Kd4=]



43...a6+! A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

44.Kxa6

[44.Kc4 Kb2]

½-½

78	**E53**
□ **Africaata**	**2634**
■ **ResoluteBot**	**2619**
Classical	03.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.0-0 c5

[8...Bb7 9.Ne5 c5 *(9...h6 10.f4 Re8 11.Qf3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qh5 Qe7 15.Ba3 Qf6 16.f5 Nc6 17.Ng4 Qg5 18.Qxg5 hxg5 19.f6 Bc8 20.h3 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Na5 22.Be7 Nc6 23.Ba3 Na5 24.Rf5* ½-½ (67) Kim,S (2295)-Yaniuk,V (2223) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early blitz 2023 (10)*)* 10.f4 Nc6 11.Ne2 Ne4 12.a3 Ba5 13.Ng3 Ne7 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.dxc5 f6 16.Nd7 Rf7 17.b4 Nd5 18.bxa5 Rxd7 19.Qc2 bxc5 20.Nxe4 Qe7 21.Re1 Re8 22.Ng3 Nxf4 23.Qc4+ 1-0 (38) Atalik,S (2564)-Todorovic,N (2252) SRB Central-ch op-A 8th 2015 (1)]

9.dxc5N

[9.a3 Ba5 10.Ne5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.f3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Re8 14.Bd2 Nbd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Rae1 Qa4 17.Bc1 Rad8 18.Rf2 Rd6 19.Rb2 c4 20.Qd1 Qd7 21.a4

Rde6 22.Rbe2 Qd6 23.Qc2 Qe7 ½-½ (24) Zhambalov,B-Kitto,F (1191) 106/138 Sofia 2009 24.Qa2 Qc7 ½-½ Hohm,K-Keber,E (1191) V0020 www.desc-online.de 1999]

9...bxc5 10.Na4 And now a3 would win. **10...c4 11.Be2 Bd7 12.a3 Be7 13.Nc3 Be6 14.b3 cxb3 15.Nd4** Inhibits Nc6.

[15.Qxb3? d4 16.Qc2 *(16.Qb7? dxc3 17.Nd4 Bd5-+)* 16...dxc3-+]

15...Qc8 16.Qxb3 Nc6 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Qa4 Rab8 Inhibits Bb2. **19.Ra2 Ne5 20.Rb2 Rbc8 21.Rc2**

[21.Nb5 with more complications. Ne4 22.Nd4 Qg6 23.Qxa7 Bc5 24.Qa6]

21...a6 22.e4

[Resist 22.Qxa6 Bd6±]

[22.Bxa6? Ra8 23.Qb3 Rxa6-+ *(23...Qxa6? 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5-+)*]

22...Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Rxc2 24.Qxc2 Rc8 25.Qa4

[Don't play 25.Nc3 d4 26.Bxa6 Qxa6∓ *(26...Rxc3 27.Qa4=)*]

25...dxe4 26.Qxe4 Nc4 27.Qxe6 The position is equal. **27...fxe6 28.a4 Nb6 29.Bxa6 Ra8 30.Bb5 Nxa4 31.Be3 Nc3 32.Bc4 Kf7 33.Rc1 Nd5 34.Bd2 Ra4 35.g3 Bb4 36.Bxb4 Rxb4 37.Bxd5 exd5=** Endgame KR-KR **38.Rc7+ Kf6 39.Rd7 d4 40.Kf1 h6 41.Ke2 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Rxg7 Rb3+ 44.Ke2 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 Rb3+ 46.Ke2 Rb2+ 47.Kd3 Rxf2 48.Re7+** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

48...Kf6

½-½

79 **D38**

□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2684**

■ **Sargissian,G** **2698**

44th Olympiad 2022 (6.1) 03.08.2022

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bd6 9.Qc2 e5 The position is equal. **10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Be2**

[11.Nxe5 looks sharper. Bxe5 12.h3 *(12.f4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ng4 14.Bd4 c5 15.Bxc5 Re8 16.0-0 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Rxe3 18.Qf2 Re8 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Rc1 Qd6 21.f5 Qf6 22.Bb3 Bd7 23.Rc7 Re7 24.Rxb7 a5 25.Rb6 Qg5 26.f6 gxf6* (54) Andreikin,D (2724)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow (blitz) 145/(126) 2019 *)* 12...Re8 13.0-0]

11...Nxf3+N

[11...Qe7 12.Nb5 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bb4 14.Nc3 Be6 15.a3 Bc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.fxe4 Bd6 18.Bc3 f6 19.0-0-0 Rfe8 20.h4 Qf7 21.Rdg1 Bb3 22.Qd3 Rad8 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qxb3+ Kh8 25.f3 Be5 26.Rd1 1-0 (40) Kobeissey,J (2270)-Russell,J (2210) 134 Linz 2014 (4)]

12.gxf3 a6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Rhg1 b4

[14...Bxh2 15.Rh1 Bd6 16.Kb1∓]

15.Ne4 Nxe4! 16.fxe4 Qe7 17.f4 a5 1.13/21

[17...f6!= 0.16/21]

18.e5± Bc5 19.Rg5 White is much more active. **19...Ba6** 1.58/25

[19...g6 0.78/22]

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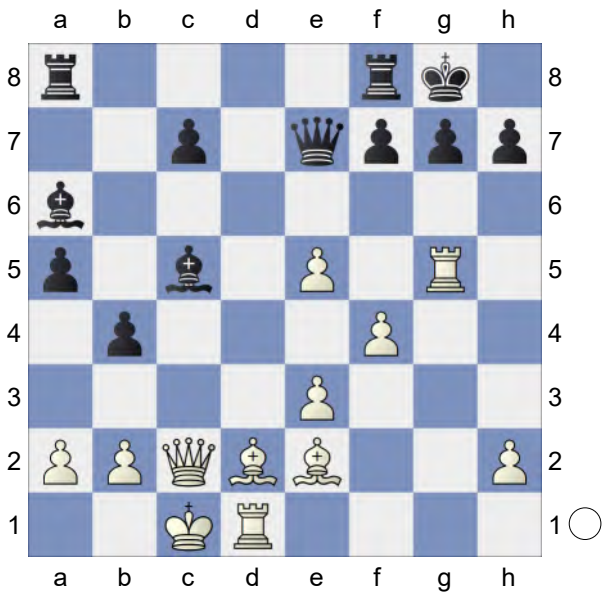
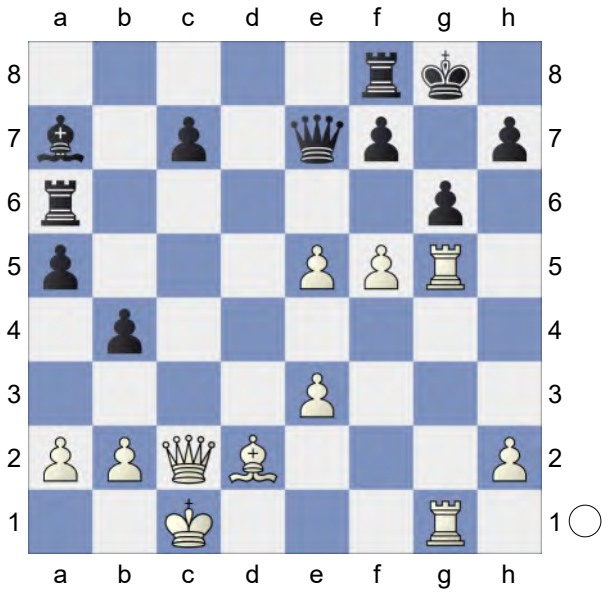
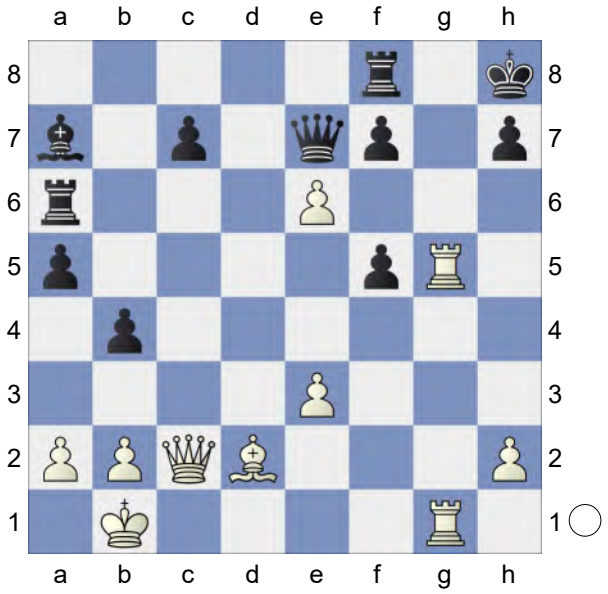


20.Rdg1! 0.53/19 **g6± 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.f5→** White is up to no good. White stays focused until the end.
22...Ba7? 2.70/21
[22...Rc6!± 0.36/21]

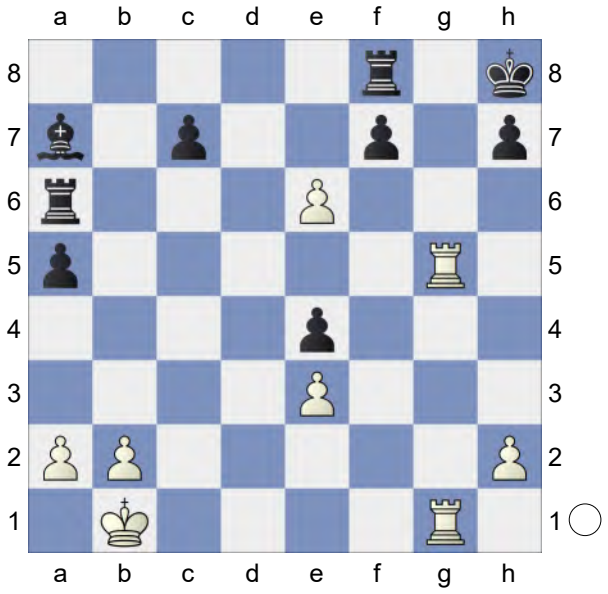


23.e6? 0.57/20
[23.Kb1!+- 2.70/21]
23...Kh8? 3.39/23
[Better is 23...fxe6± 0.57/20 24.Qc4 *(24.fxg6 h6∓)* 24...Rd6 *(24...Qc5 25.Qxc5 Bxc5 26.fxg6±* Discovered Attack *)*]

24.Kb1+- Strongly threatening exf7.
24...gxf5? 4.84/25
[24...h6 2.91/20]



25.Bxb4! Promotion. White is clearly winning. **25...Qxb4**
[25...axb4 26.Qg2]
26.Qg2 Rg8+ would kill now. **26...Qe4+**
27.Qxe4 fxe4



28.e7! Re8

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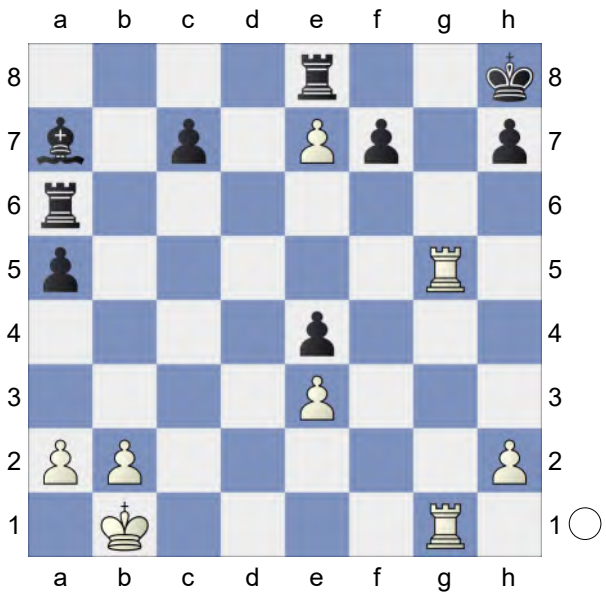

29.Rg8+!! Decoy, Promotion **29...Rxg8** **30.Rxg8+** Remove Defender **30...Kxg8** **31.e8Q+** Endgame KQ-KRB
[31.e8B? loses. Bxe3 32.Kc2 Bd4-+]
31...Kg7 32.Qe5+
[32.Qxe4 Re6 33.Qg4+ Rg6±]
32...Rf6 33.Qg5+ Rg6 34.Qxa5 Rg1+ 35.Kc2 Rg2+ 36.Kb3 Bb6 37.Qe5+ Kf8 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qxh7 Re2 40.Qxe4+ Kf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.66
41.Qb4+
1-0

80 **D38**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2684**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2688**
55th Biel GM Blitz 2022 (2.2) 17.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 c5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0
[10.Qe2 Bg4 11.0-0 Nc6 12.a4 c4 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Qe1 Qd7 15.Ba3 Rad8 16.Nh4 g5 17.f3 Be6 18.f4 gxh4 19.Qxh4 Bf5 20.Qg5+ Bg6 21.f5 Ne4 22.Bxe4 Rxe4 23.f6 Rg4 24.Qh6 Be4 0-1 (32) Almeida,O (2484)-Gongora,M (2408) Capablanca mem Premier II 2002 (11)]
10...Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.a4N
[12.Ne5 Re8 13.f3 Nd7 14.Nd3 Nc7 15.Ra2 f5 16.Re2 c4 17.Nf2 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Rfe1 b5 20.Bd2 a5 21.h3 h5 22.e4 dxe4 23.fxe4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Nd5 0-1 (37) 4.♗f6 ♕f6 5.♘c3 d6_3910-Posizione YUG-chT2 Yugoslavia 1994 (3) 27.Qg6 b4 28.axb4 axb4 29.cxb4 c3 30.Bg5 Rf8 31.Qd3 Rb8 32.Qg6 Qf7 33.Qc6 Rf8 34.Re5 Qf2+ 35.Kh2 Nf4 36.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 37.Kg1 Qxd4+ 0-1 Sliwa,B-Padevsky,N Alekhine Memorial-01 1956 (3)]
12...Ne4 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Qd3 Black is slightly better. **14...Nc7 15.a5** -0.57/23
[15.dxc5= -0.18/21 Nxc5 16.Qf5]
15...c4∓ 16.Qc2 b5 17.Nd2 -1.33/23
[17.Ba3∓ -0.53/22]
17...Nxd2!∓ 18.Bxd2 f5 19.f3 Qd7 -0.68/21
[19...b4∓ -1.30/20 20.cxb4 Nb5]
20.Be1∓ Rfe8 21.Bf2! b4 22.cxb4 Nb5 23.Rfe1 c3 24.Bg3 Rc4 25.Be5 a6 -0.01/22
[25...Rxb4∓ -0.38/25 26.Reb1 Rxb1+ 27.Qxb1 Rc8]
26.Qf2 -1.31/21
[26.Reb1= -0.01/22]
26...Rxb4 -0.38/21 Black is more active.
[26...Na7∓ -1.31/21 aiming for ...Nc6!. 27.Ra3 Nc6 *(27...Rxb4? 28.Rxc3 Rc4 29.Rxc4±; 27...Nb5 28.Rb3=)*]

27.Rac1 -1.14/22
[27.Reb1∓ -0.38/21 Rxb1+ 28.Rxb1]
27...Rb2 -0.42/22 White is weak on the light squares
[27...Qf7∓ -1.14/22 28.Rb1 Rc4]
28.Rc2 Rxc2 -0.15/18
[28...Rb3∓ -0.63/21]
29.Qxc2= Rc8 30.e4 fxe4 31.fxe4 Qc6 32.Rf1? -1.58/24
[Better is 32.Qb3= -0.01/23]
32...Qg6∓
[32...dxe4 33.Qf2 Qe6 34.h3∓]
33.Rf5 -3.17/23
[33.Re1∓ -1.11/22]
33...Qg4? -0.51/25
[33...Na3!-+ -3.17/23 34.Qb3 c2 35.Qxd5+ *(35.Qxa3? c1Q+ 36.Qxc1 Rxc1+-+)* 35...Kh8]
34.Rf4!∓ Qg6 0.01/24
[34...Qg5!∓ -0.52/25 35.h4 *(35.exd5? Nxd4 36.Rxd4 Qe3+ 37.Kf1 Qxe5-+)* 35...Nxd4 36.hxg5 Nxc2 37.exd5 Ne1]
35.h3 h5 Prevents Rg4. **36.Kh2! Rf8**
[36...dxe4 is more complex. 37.g4 Qg5 38.Rf2 hxg4 39.Qxe4 Nxd4 40.Qxd4 c2]
37.Rf5 Rxf5 38.exf5= Endgame KQB-KQN **38...Qg5 39.Qb3** -1.33/28
[39.Qf2= -0.01/23 remains equal.]
39...Kh7!∓ 40.Qc2 -8.31/25
[40.Qb1 -2.06/24]

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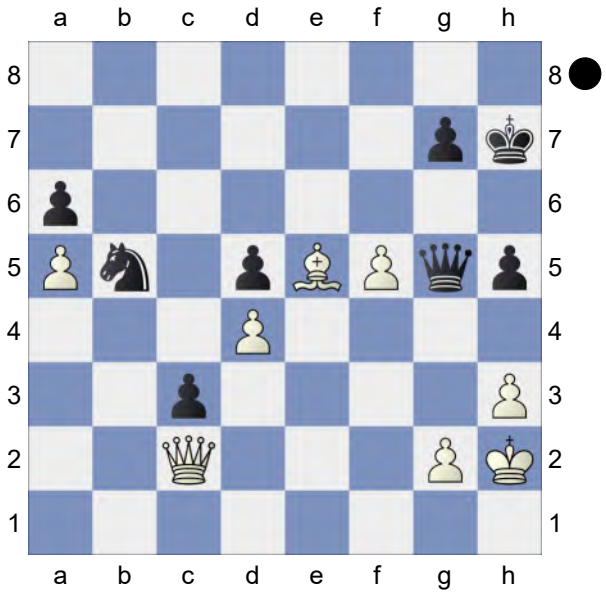
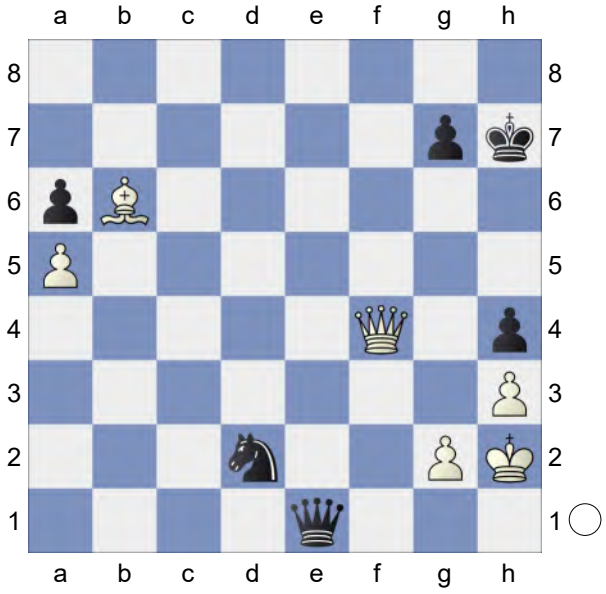


40...Nxd4? 0.01/22 **41.Qxc3= Nxf5 42.Qd3 Qg6 43.Qxd5 Ne3 44.Qf3 Nc4 45.Bc7 Nd2 46.Qf4 Qd3 47.Qg5 Qe2** (-> ...Nf3+) **48.Kg1 Qe1+ 49.Kh2 Nf1+ 50.Kg1 Nd2+ 51.Kh2 Qe2 52.Qf4** Prevents Nf3+. **52...Kg8 53.Bb6 Nf1+ 54.Kg1 Nd2 55.Qb8+ Kh7 56.Qf4 Qe1+ 57.Kh2 h4** 0.92/29
[57...Nf1+= -0.01/27 58.Kg1 Nd2+ 59.Kh2 Nf1+]



58.Qf5+ 0.01/26
[58.Bf2!± 0.92/29 Qd1 *(58...Nf1+?*

59.Kg1±) 59.Qxh4+ *(59.Bxh4 Nf1+ 60.Kg1 Ng3+ 61.Kf2 Nh1+ 62.Ke3 Qc1+ 63.Ke4 Qc4+ 64.Kf5 Qd5+ 65.Qe5 Qd7+ 66.Ke4 Qa4+ 67.Qd4 Qxa5=)* 59...Kg8 60.Bg1 *(60.Qd8+ Kh7±)*]

58...Kg8 59.Bf2 Qd1 60.Qd5+

[60.Bxh4? Nf1+-+]

60...Kh7⇄ Black is fighting back **61.Qf5+**

[61.Bxh4? Nf1+ 62.Kg1 Qxd5-+]

61...Kh8 62.Qc8+

[62.Bxh4? is the wrong capture. Nf1+-+]

[62.Qg4 Qxg4 63.hxg4 g5 64.Bd4+]

62...Kh7 (-> ...Nf1+) **63.Bxh4**

[63.Qg4 simplifies Qxg4 64.hxg4 g5 65.g3]

63...Nf1+ 64.Kg1 Ne3+ 65.Kf2! Qd2+ 66.Kf3 Qd3 67.Kf2 Nf5 Black has compensation. **68.Bd8?** -#2/6

[68.Bg5= -0.09/26]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.30

68...Qe3+

0-1

81 **E54**

□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2613**

■ **Vakhidov,J** **2539**

UzChess Cup Challengers (6.3) 24.06.25

[Kitty Kat]

E54: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Qa4N

[10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Qb3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nc6 13.Bxe6 Qc7 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Bh3 Bc8 16.Bxc8 Raxc8 17.Bb2 Nd5 18.g3 Rfe8 10) 5.e3 − Main Line-8.O-O with 9.exd4 & 10.Ne5 #1]

[10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 *(11.Bg5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Ba6 Qc7 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Ne5 Rac8 17.f4 Qe7 18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5 Nd7 20.Bc4 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Qa3 22.Rc2 Rc7 23.Re3 Bc6 24.d5 Ba4 25.Bb3 Bxb3* 0-1 (30) Lagunow,R (2140)-Zhang,A (2141) 104 Linz 2014 (9)*)* 11...Nbd7 *(11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nbd7 14.c4 Rfe8 15.Bg5 e5 16.Bxf6 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxf6 18.Bf1 exd4 19.Rxd4 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qe5 22.Qd3 g6 23.g3 Kg7 24.a3 h5 25.h3 Re7 26.Rd8* 0-1 (56) Kaiser,S (2736)-Ding Liren vs. Leko,P (2656) Titled Tuesday intern op 5th July blitz 2016 (3)*)* 12.d5 Bxc3 13.dxe6 Bxf3 14.gxf3 fxe6 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Bxe6+ Kh8 17.Qc4 Qb7 18.Bd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nc5 21.Ba3 Rxf3 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Rxc5 Raf8 24.Rf1 h6 (27) Grischuk,A (2764)-Leko,P (2744) 118/(188) Russia 2013]

10...Be7 11.Rd1 Bb7 Repels d5 **12.Ne5** White has an edge. **12...Qe8 13.Bb5 Qc8 14.Bg5 a6 15.Bd3 b5 16.Qc2 h6 17.Bxf6** This move loses the game for Black. **17...gxf6** 2.85/22

[17...Bxf6± 0.36/23 18.Be4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6]

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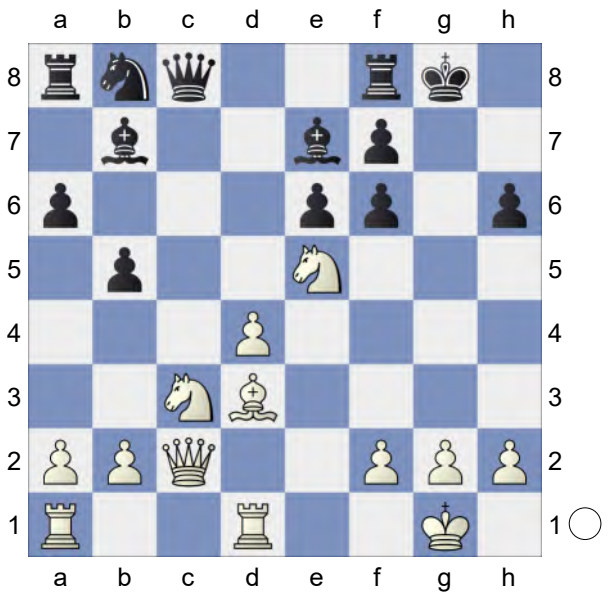
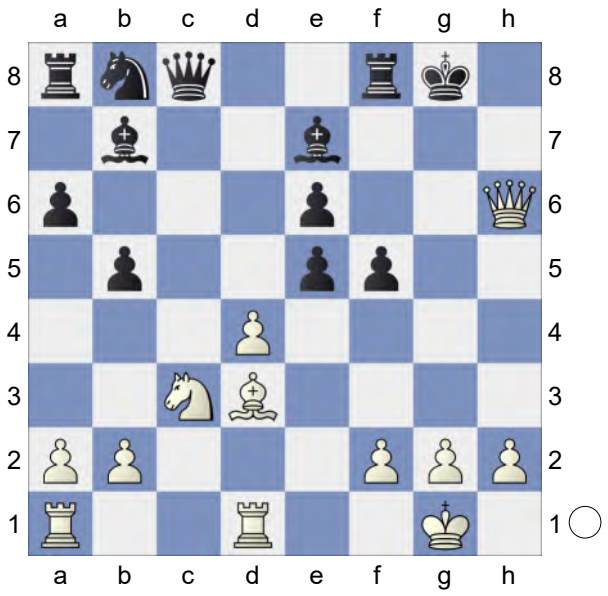


18.Qd2!+- fxe5
[18...Kg7 19.Ng4]
19.Qxh6 f5



20.Qg6+→ Black is in trouble.
[20.dxe5? Rf7 21.Rac1 Bf8-+]
20...Kh8 21.dxe5 Bc5 22.Qh6+ Kg8 and ...Rf7 would now be decisive **23.Bc2 Be4?** 12.94/24
[23...Qc6 2.28/21 24.Qg6+ Kh8]
24.Bxe4 aiming for Qg6+. White is clearly winning. **24...Ra7**

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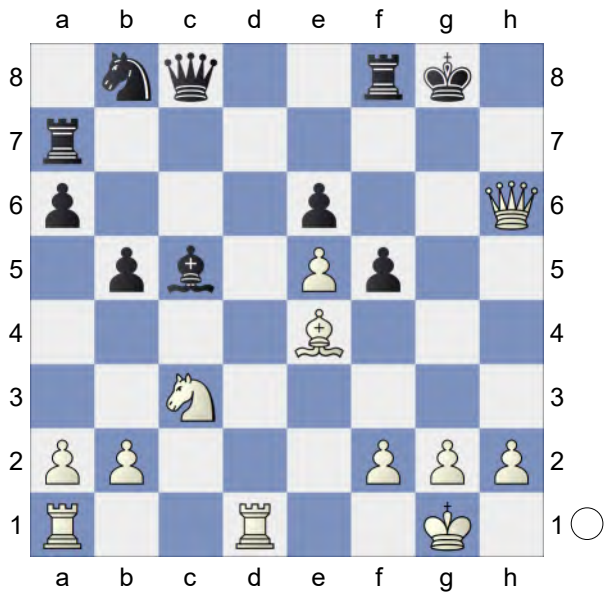
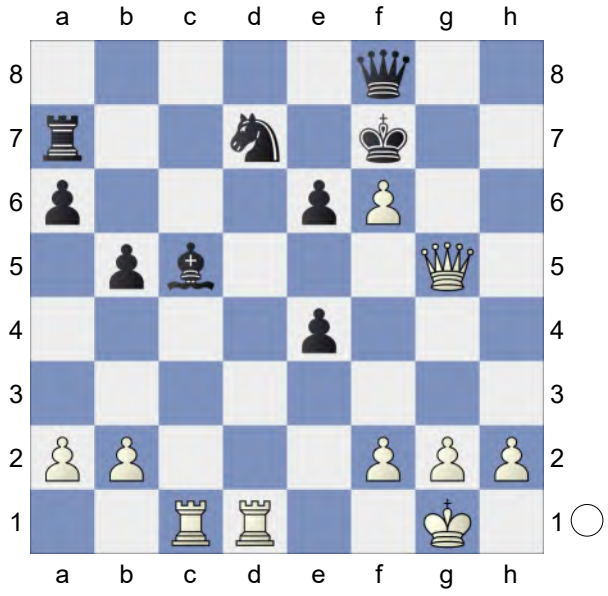


25.Nd5! fxe4 26.Nf6+ Rxf6 27.exf6 Qf8 28.Qg5+ Kf7 29.Rac1 Nd7



30.b4! Bxb4
[30...Qg8 31.Qxg8+]

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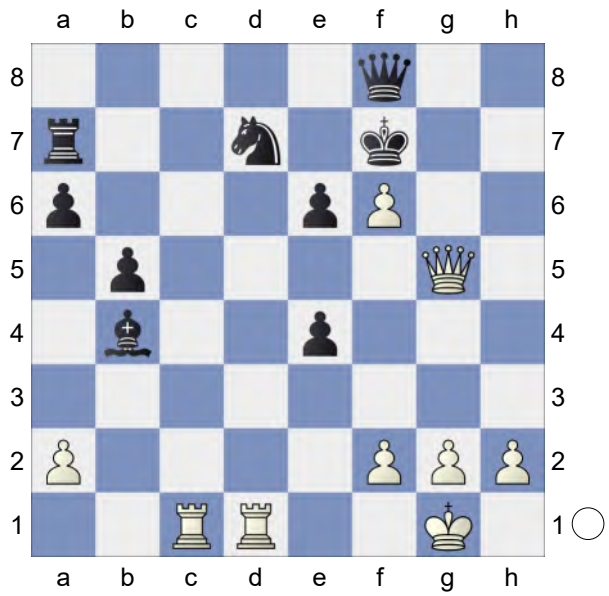
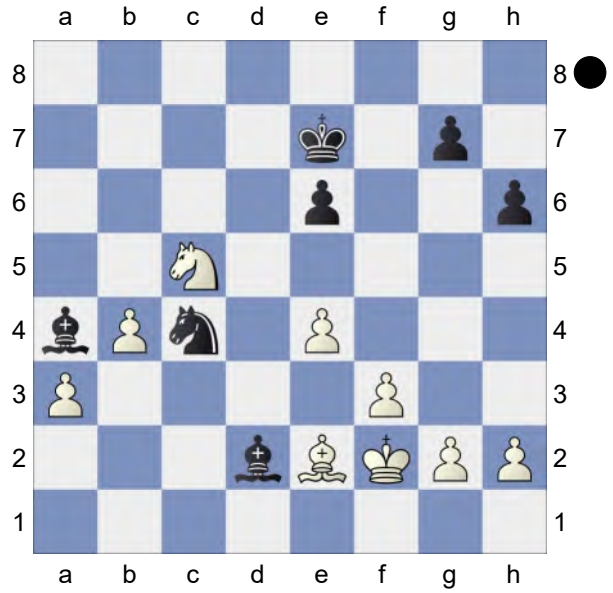


31.Rc8! Deflection, Promotion **31...Qxc8**
[31...Nxf6 32.Rxf8+]
32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.f7+ Kd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.82
34.f8Q+
[34.f8B Qc4 *(34...Bxf8? 35.Qxf8+ Kc7 36.Rc1+* Skewer, Deflection *Kb6 37.Qxc8+-)* 35.h3 *(35.Bxb4 Qxb4 36.Qg8+ Kc7∓)* 35...Bxf8 36.Qxf8+ Kc7 37.Rxd7+ Kxd7±]
1-0

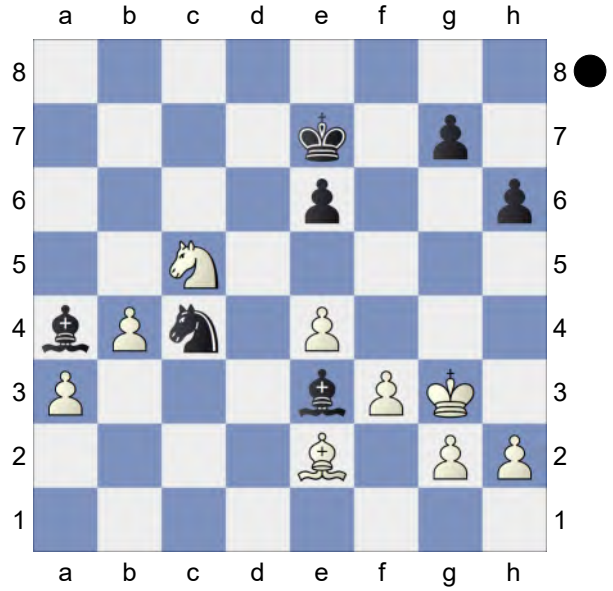
82 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2395**
■ **ProteusSF-lite** **3074**
Rapid 20.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 Threatens to win with Ne4. **10...cxd4 11.Qxd4**
[11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 *(12.exd4 Rd8 13.a3 Ba5 14.Rc2 Nd7 15.Re2 Nf6 16.Qd3 Bd7 17.Nc5 Rab8 18.Ne5 Be8 19.b4 Bc7 20.g3 Nd5 21.Rc1 a5 22.b5 Qg5 23.Qc2 Bb6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Ned3 Qf6 26.Qb2 Rbc8* 1-0 (40) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-R Of B, F (2550) Budapest Vezerkepzo Christmas GM 2022 (3.4)*)* 12...Ba5 13.Qxd4 Rd8 14.Qc5 Qxc5 15.Nxc5 Nd7 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.a4 Nf6 18.Be2 Ne8 19.a5 Bc7 20.Rc2 Kf8 21.Rfc1 Bd6 22.Nc5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.Ne4 Bb7 25.Nxd6 Nxd6 ½-½ (31) Bu Xiangzhi (2718)-Wei Yi (2734) CHN Team Men 2018 (3.1)]
11...Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Nd7N The position is equal.
[12...Bd7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Rd1 Rfd8 D 39/03-N,N 2003]
13.Ncb5 Nb6 14.a3 Be7 15.Bd3 Rd8 16.Be4 a6 17.Nc7 Rb8 18.Rfd1 -1.02/20
[18.Nxa6= -0.25/21 Rxd4 *(18...bxa6 19.Nc6±)* 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.exd4]
Black converts the advantage convincingly. **18...Bd7∓ 19.Rd3 Na4 20.b4** Against Nc5 **20...Nb6! 21.Nb3** -1.82/22
[21.b5∓ -1.06/20]
21...Ba4-+ 22.Rxd8+ -2.27/28
[⌓22.Nd4 -1.74/20]
22...Bxd8
[22...Rxd8 23.Na5±]
23.Nc5 Rc8!
[23...Bxc7 24.Nxa4 Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2=]
24.N7xe6
[24.Nxb7? Rxc7 *(24...Bxc7? 25.Nc5-+)* 25.Rxc7 Bxc7-+]
24...fxe6 25.Bxb7 Rc7 26.Bxa6 Kf7 27.Bf1 Nd7 28.Nd3 Rxc1 29.Nxc1 Bf6 30.Nd3 Bc3 31.Be2 Ke7 32.f3

Nb6 33.Kf2 Bd2 34.e4 -4.05/24
[⌓34.Nc5 -2.78/22]
34...Nc4 35.Nc5



Be3+!
[35...Nxa3 36.Nxa4 Bxb4 37.Bd3±]
36.Kg3



Bxc5!
[36...Nxa3? loses. 37.Nxa4 Nc2 38.b5+-]
37.Bxc4 Bd4 38.Kg4 Bb2 39.b5 Bxa3 40.Kh5 Kf7 41.b6 Bd6 42.h4 Kf6 43.Ba6 Bd7 Prevents Bc8 **44.Kg4 Bc5 45.b7 Bd6 46.Bd3 Bc6 47.Ba6 Bc7 48.Kh5 Bb8 49.Kg4 Ke5** Threatens to win with ...Kd4. **50.Kh5** -7.96/27
[⌓50.Bc4 -4.60/29]
50...Be8+ 51.Kg4 Kd4 52.g3 h5+ 53.Kh3 Ke3 54.Kg2 Ba4 55.Bf1 Bd1 56.f4 e5 57.Kg1 Bf3 58.fxe5 Bxe5 59.Bg2 Bxg3 -19.10/36
[⌓59...Bxg2 -#24/38 60.Kxg2 g6 *(60...Kxe4? 61.Kf2-+)* 61.Kf1 Kf3 *(61...Kxe4? 62.Kf2-+; 61...Bxg3? 62.e5-+)* 62.Ke1 Kxg3 63.Ke2 Kxh4 64.Kf2 Kg4 65.Ke3 h4 66.Kd3 h3 67.Ke3 h2 68.b8B Bxb8 *(68...h1B 69.Bxe5 Bf3 70.Bc7±)* 69.Kd2 h1Q *(69...h1R? 70.Ke3-+)* 70.Kd3 Qf1+ *(70...g5 71.Kd4 Kf4 72.Kd5 Qxe4+ 73.Kc5 Bc7 74.Kb5 Ke5 75.Kc5 Bd8 76.Kb5 Qd4 77.Kc6 Qd5#)* 71.Kd4 Qb5 *(71...g5 72.e5 Qb5 73.e6 Kf3 74.Kc3 Be5+ 75.Kd2 Qb2+ 76.Kd1 Ke3 77.e7 Qd2#)* 72.Kc3 Be5+ 73.Kc2 Kf3 74.Kd2 Qe2+ *(74...Kxe4 75.Kd1 Qd3+ 76.Kc1 Qe2 77.Kb1 Qb2#)* 75.Kc1 g5 76.Kb1 Qb2#]
60.Bxf3 Kxf3 61.e5 Bxe5 KB-KPP **62.Kf1 Kg4 63.Ke2 Kxh4** KB-KP **64.Kf3 Bg3 65.Ke4 Kg4 66.Ke3 h4 67.Ke2 h3 68.Kf1 Kf3 69.Kg1 Bb8 70.Kh1 Ke2** -10.92/5
[⌓70...g5 -#7/16 71.Kg1 Ke2 *(71...g4* gets mated. *72.Kf1 h2 73.Ke1 h1Q+ 74.Kd2 Qb1 75.Kc3 Qb5 76.Kd2 Qc4 77.Kd1 Ke3 78.Ke1 Qe2#)* 72.Kh1 g4 73.Kg1 g3 74.Kh1 Kf3 *(74...g2+ 75.Kg1 Kd3 76.Kf2 Bh2 77.Kf3 g1Q 78.b8B Qg2#)* 75.Kg1 h2+ 76.Kh1 g2#]
71.Kg1 g5 72.Kh1 g4 (-> ...g3) **73.Kg1 g3** Black mates. **74.Kh1 Kf3 75.Kg1 h2+ 76.Kh1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/

Black=0.16 (very precise)
76...g2#
0-1

83	**E54**
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■ **ProteusSF-lite**	**3071**
Rapid	19.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E54: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Re1N

[10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 *(11.Bg5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nbd7 13.Ba6 Qc7 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Ne5 Rac8 17.f4 Qe7 18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5 Nd7 20.Bc4 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Qa3 22.Rc2 Rc7 23.Re3 Bc6 24.d5 Ba4 25.Bb3 Bxb3* 0-1 (30) Lagunow,R (2140)-Zhang,A (2141) 104 Linz 2014 (9)*)* 11...Bxc3 *(11...Nbd7 12.d5 Bxc3 13.dxe6 Bxf3 14.gxf3 fxe6 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Bxe6+ Kh8 17.Qc4 Qb7 18.Bd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nc5 21.Ba3 Rxf3 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Rxc5 Raf8 24.Rf1 h6 25.Rc7 a5 26.Kg2* (27) Ernst,H (2764)-Logan,T (2744) 11 Schematic Thinking/Excellent Techn. 1971*)* 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nbd7 14.c4 Rfe8 15.Bg5 e5 16.Bxf6 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxf6 18.Bf1 exd4 19.Rxd4 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qe5 22.Qd3 g6 23.g3 Kg7 24.a3 h5 0-1 (56) Jakovenko,D (2736)-Yu Yangyi (2656) 8th RUS-CHN Summit Men Rapid 2012 (3) 25.h3 Re7 26.Rd8 Re8 27.Rd4 Ne4 28.Rd5 Qb2 29.Qd4+ Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Nc5 31.Rd1 Re7 32.Kg2 Kf6 33.h4 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Nxd7 35.Kf3 Ke5 36.Ke3 Nf6 37.f3 Ng8 38.g4 Nh6 39.Be2 hxg4 0-1 (56) Kaiser,S (2736)-Ding Liren vs. Leko,P (2656) Titled Tuesday intern op 5th July blitz 2016 (3)]

10...Bb7 11.Bf4 Dodges Qc7 **11...Qc8 12.Bd3 Bxc3 13.bxc3** The position is equal. **13...Qxc3 14.Rc1 Qa5 15.Bd6⇄** White is not keeping still **15...Re8** Black wants to play ...Nc6. **16.Re5! Bd5 17.Ng5** -1.07/23

[17.a3= 0.01/20 keeps the balance. b5 18.Re3]

17...h6!∓

[17...Qxa2 18.Ra1 Qb2 19.Rb1±]

18.a3 Na6 Some like it hot

[18...hxg5? 19.Bb4+-]

19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Rad8 21.Bxd5**

[21.Rc6? f6 22.Bxd5 fxe5-+]

21...Rxd6 22.Bc6 Qxe5 23.dxe5 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **24...Rb8 25.Rd7** -1.86/26

[25.g3∓ -1.11/25]

25...Rc8-+ 26.Bb5

[26.Rxa7? perishes. Rxc6 27.Ra8+ Kh7-+]

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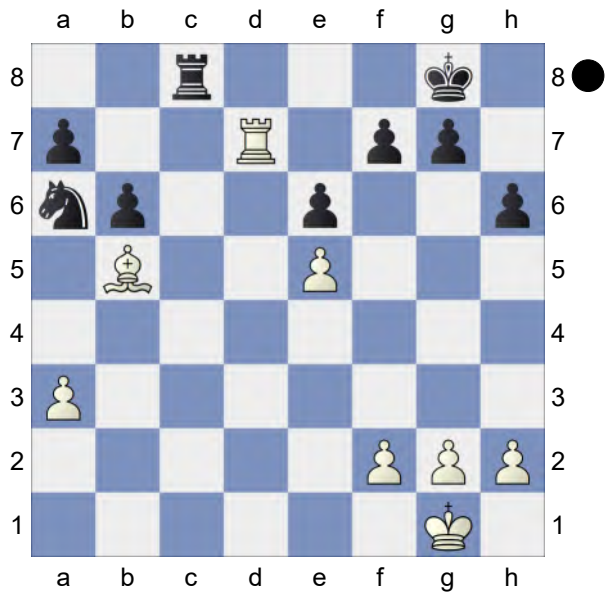
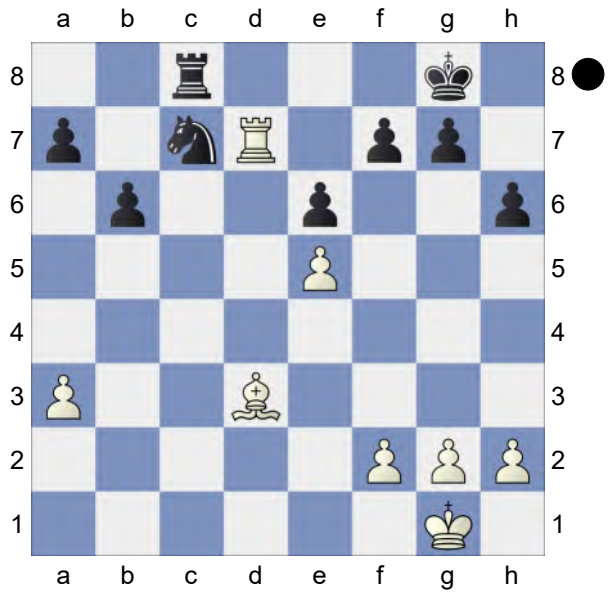


26...Nc7 27.Bd3 -2.38/22
[27.Be2 -1.63/25]



27...Kf8! 28.h4? -4.97/25
[28.Bf1 -2.18/23 was necessary.]
28...Ke8 29.Rd6 Rd8 ...Rxd6 would now be deadly. **30.Be2** -7.42/23
[⌓30.Rc6 -4.68/23 Rxd3 31.Rxc7 Rxa3 32.Rb7]
30...Rxd6 Remove Defender **31.exd6** KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **31...Nd5 32.Bb5+ Kd8 33.Kf1 Nf6 34.g3 Ne4 35.d7 Nd6 36.Bc6 Nf5 37.Be4 Kxd7 38.Ke2 b5 39.Bxf5 exf5** KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. **40.Ke3 a5 41.h5 Ke6 42.Kd4 Kd6 43.Kc3 Kd5 44.Kd3 b4 45.axb4 axb4 46.f3 g5** -13.86/27
[⌓46...Kc5 -32.17/30 47.g4 fxg4 48.fxg4 Kb5]
47.f4 g4 48.Kc2 Kc4 49.Kb2 b3 50.Ka3 Kc3 (-> ...b2) **51.Ka4 b2** Black mates. **52.Kb5 b1Q+ 53.Kc6 Kb4 54.Kd7 Qe4 55.Kc7 Kc5 56.Kd7 Kb6 57.Kd8 Kc6 58.Kc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.06 (flawless)
58...Qe8#
0-1

84	**D38**
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■ **ProteusSF-lite**	**3067**
Rapid	19.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.e3 Bd7! 8.Qc2
[8.Bxc4 Nxd4 9.Qd1 Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 Qe7∓]
8...b5 9.Be2 Ne7 The position is equal.
[9...a6 10.a3 Be7 11.e4 0-0 12.Rd1 Re8 13.h4 Ng4 14.Bf4 e5 15.Nxe5 Ngxe5 16.dxe5 Bf8 17.Qd2 Be6 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.0-0 Qc5 20.Qg3 Rad8 21.h5 Nd4 22.Bg4 Bxg4 23.Qxg4 c6 24.Bg5 0-1 (57) Radjabov,T (2765)-Anton Guijarro,D (2675) Skilling Open Prelim 2020 (5.8)]
10.a4N
[10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.0-0 Nd5 12.a4 a6 13.e4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Be7 6) 5.Qa4+

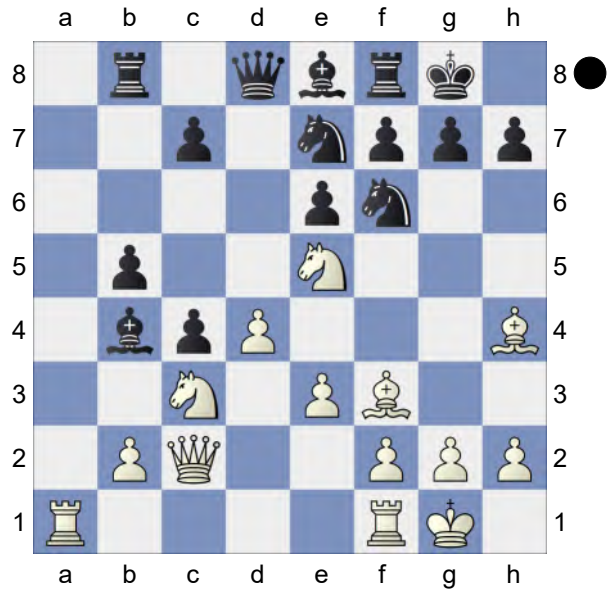
Nc6 − 6th Move Al-5.Qa4+ with 6.Bg5 & 7.e3 #2]

10...a6 11.Ne5 Rb8 12.0-0 0-0 13.axb5 axb5 14.Bf3 -1.02/22

[14.e4∓ -0.57/20 should be considered.]

14...Be8!∓ 15.Bh4 -1.35/21

[⌓15.Ra6 -0.99/21]

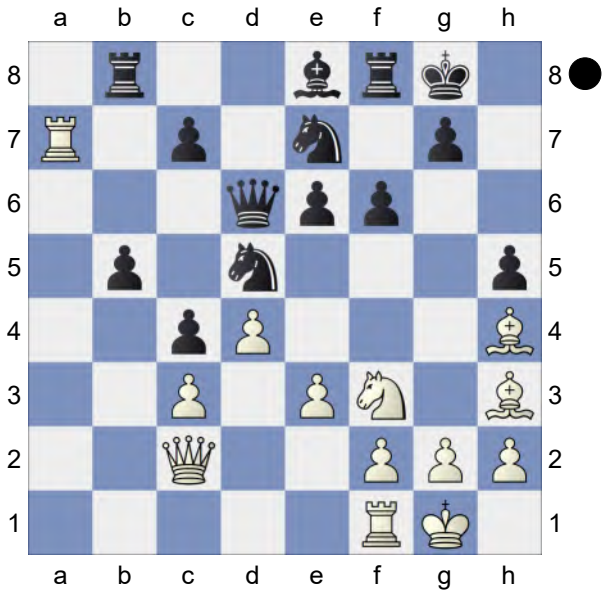


15...Nfd5! 16.Bg4 Qd6 This move loses the game for White. **17.Ra7?** -3.04/21

[17.Bg3∓ -1.32/19 was necessary. Qb6 18.Nxd5 exd5 *(18...Nxd5? 19.e4-+)* 19.b3]

17...Bxc3-+ 18.bxc3 f6 19.Nf3 h5 20.Bh3

(Diagram)



Bg6! 21.e4 Nf4 22.Bg3 Ned5 23.Nh4 Bh7 24.Bf5 exf5 25.exd5 Qb6 26.Bxf4 Qxa7 27.d6 c6

[Not 27...cxd6 28.Bxd6 f4 29.Qd2∓]

28.Nxf5 Rbe8 29.h3 h4 30.g4 hxg3 31.fxg3 b4 32.g4 b3 33.Qg2 Bxf5 34.gxf5 Qd7 35.d5 cxd5 36.Qxd5+ Kh7 37.Qxc4 b2 38.Rb1 Qxf5 39.Rxb2 Re4

[39...Qxh3? is the wrong capture. 40.Rh2 Re1+ 41.Kf2+-]

40.Qb5 Rxf4 41.Qxf5+ Rxf5 42.Rd2 Rc5 43.Rd3 Rd8 and ...Rc6 would now be decisive **44.Kf2 Rc6 45.d7 Rc7 46.Ke3 Rdxd7 47.Rxd7 Rxd7** Endgame KR-KPP **48.Ke4 g5** (-> ...Rc7) **49.Kf5 Rc7 50.Kxf6 Kh6 51.c4 Rxc4** KR-KP **52.Ke5 g4 53.hxg4 Rxg4** KR-K **54.Kd6 Rg5 55.Ke7 Rg6 56.Kd7 Kh7 57.Ke7 Kg8 58.Kd8 Rg7 59.Kc8 Kf8** (-> ...Ke8) **60.Kd8 Rf7 61.Kc8 Ke8** (-> ...Rd7) **62.Kb8 Kd8** (-> ...Kd7) **63.Ka8 Kc7** Black mates. **64.Ka7 Rf6 65.Ka8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

65...Ra6#

0-1

85 **D38**
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Rapid 28.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Qb3N

[8.e3 Bf5

A) 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 *(10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Be2 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qb4 Rc8 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rfd1 g5 16.Bg3 Nfe4 17.Rac1 h5* Ragozin with 5.cxd5*)* 10...Nbd7 *(10...g5 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Qa3 Nc6 13.Nd2 a5 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.f3 Bg6 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Qd7 18.0-0 Ne7 19.e4 c6 20.e5 Qf5 21.Qb3 b5 22.Rac1 Rac8 23.Qa3 Ng6 24.Qxa5 h5 25.Qd2* 1-0 (45) Aronian,L (2736)-Gukesh,D (2718) WR Chess Masters TB 2023 (1.1)*)* 11.Be2 c6 12.Nd2 *(12.Qa3 g5 13.Bg3 Ne4 14.Nd2 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Qf6 16.g4 Bh7 17.Nf1 Kg7 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Bd3 Rfe8 20.Rd1 Nb6 21.Qb3 Re7 22.a4 Nc8 23.a5 a6 24.Rd2 Nd6 25.Qb4 Rae8 26.Bf5 Nc4* ½-½ (66) Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) LOTTO Polish Championship 2018 (9.3)*)* 12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Qxh4 14.Nd6 Bg4 15.g3 Qf6 16.Bxg4 Qxd6 17.Qa3 Qc7 18.Rc1 Nf6 19.Bf3 a5 20.0-0 Rfe8 21.Rc2 Qd7 22.Rc5 Qd8 23.b4 axb4 ½-½ (30) Mamedyarov,S (2820)-Carlsen,M (2839) 34th ECC Open 2018 (5.2);

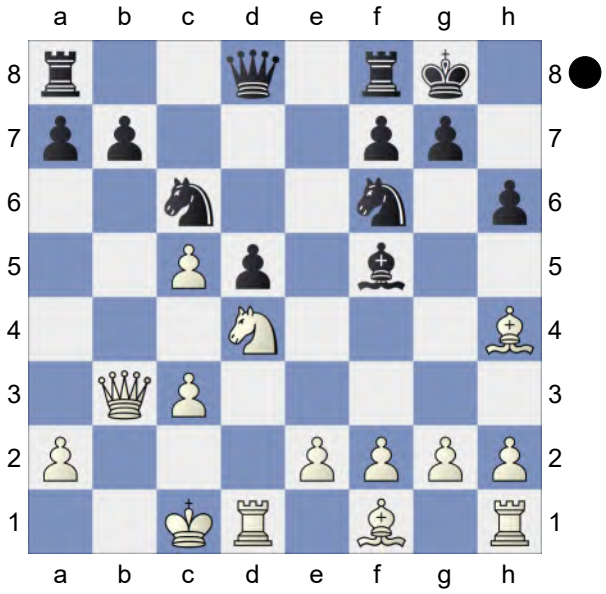
B) 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 c5 12.Nb5 c4 13.a3 Be7 14.Bc7 Qc8 15.Bd6 Qd8 16.b3 a6 17.Bc7 Qc8 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.Bxd6 Re8 20.bxc4 dxc4 21.Rc1 b5 22.Ne5 Ne4 0-1 (39) 7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 a6 (2539)-C 41/01 (2506) Beersheba 1996 (4.2)]

8...c5 9.dxc5 Nc6 The position is equal. **10.0-0-0** -0.96/16

[10.e3= 0.04/17]

10...Bxc3!∓ 11.bxc3 Bf5 12.Nd4 -1.20/16

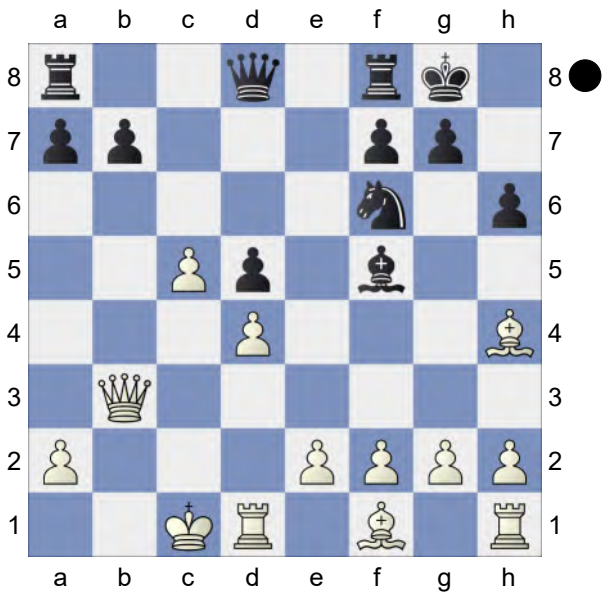
[12.e3!∓ -0.57/15]



12...Nxd4! 13.cxd4 -3.05/16

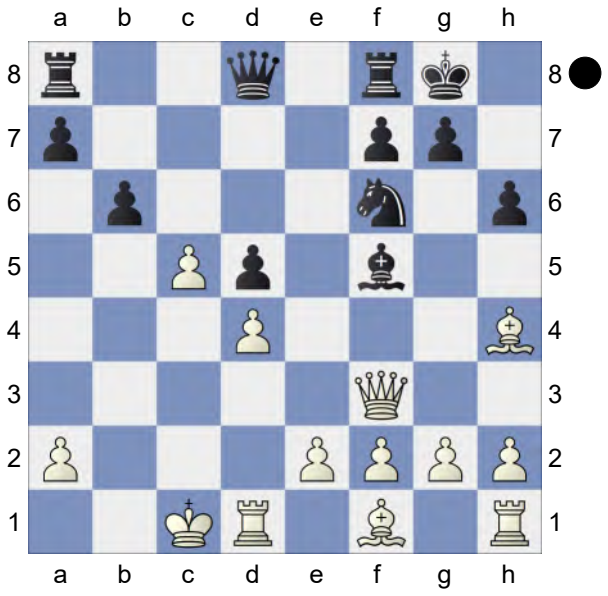
[13.Rxd4∓ -1.11/18 only move. g5 14.Bg3]

(Diagram)



13...b6!-+ Strongly threatening ...bxc5. **14.Qf3?** -7.11/21

[14.Qa3 -2.87/19 Qb8 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Kd2 *(16.Qg3+ Qxg3 17.hxg3 Rfc8∓)*]

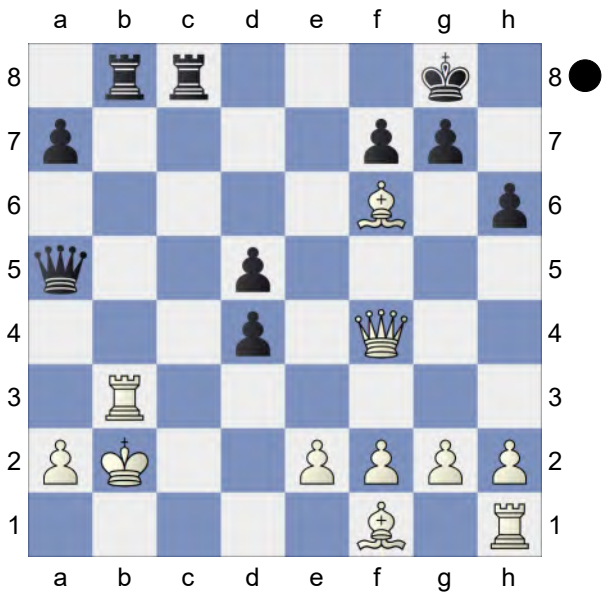


14...bxc5! 15.Qxf5 Black must now prevent Bxf6.

[15.dxc5 Rc8]

15...Qa5 16.Bxf6 Rfc8 17.Rd3 Qe1+ 18.Kb2 cxd4 19.Qf4 Rab8+ 20.Rb3 Qc3+ 21.Ka3 Qa5+ 22.Kb2

(Diagram)



Rc2+!! Decoy **23.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 24.Kd3 Qxb3+ 25.Kxd4 Qc4+**

[25...gxf6? loses. 26.Qg3+ *(26.Qxh6* leads to mate. *Qc4+ 27.Ke3 Rb3+ 28.Kd2 Qc3+ 29.Kd1 Rb1+)* 26...Qxg3 27.hxg3+-]

26.Ke3 Rb3+ Deflection **27.Kd2 Qxf4+ 28.Kd1 Qxf6 29.e3 Rb2** Black mates. **30.Bd3 Qxf2 31.Bh7+ Kxh7 32.Re1** Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.39/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

32...Qd2#

0-1

86 **D38**

□ **admete_bot** **2390**

■ **ProteusSF-lite** **3070**

Rapid 19.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Rc1

[8.e3 Bf5 9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3

(10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Qb6 13.dxc5 Qxb3 14.axb3 Nxc5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Bf3 Be6 18.b4 Nd3 19.Be2 Ne5 20.f4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.e4 Bd7 23.Kf2 a6 24.Rfd1 Rfe8 0-1 (33) Ibrahimli,M (2406)-Caruana,F (2764) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (5)*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Be2 c6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rfxd8 15.f3 c5 16.Kf2 Rac8 17.Rhc1 Rc7 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Bg6 20.Bf3 Ne5 21.Ke3 Nc6 22.Nb3 cxd4+ 0-1 (70) Persse,D (2739)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2702) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2007 (2.1)]

8...Bf5 9.e3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **10.Ne5N** -0.44/22

[10.Qb3= 0.01/21 c5 11.dxc5]

[10.a3 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 d4 16.b4 Qxa3 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Rc4 Bd5 19.Rxd4 Qc3+ 20.Qd2 Qa1+ 21.Qd1 Qc3+ 22.Qd2 Qa1+ 23.Qd1 Queen'S Gambit-6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 Survey 2022]

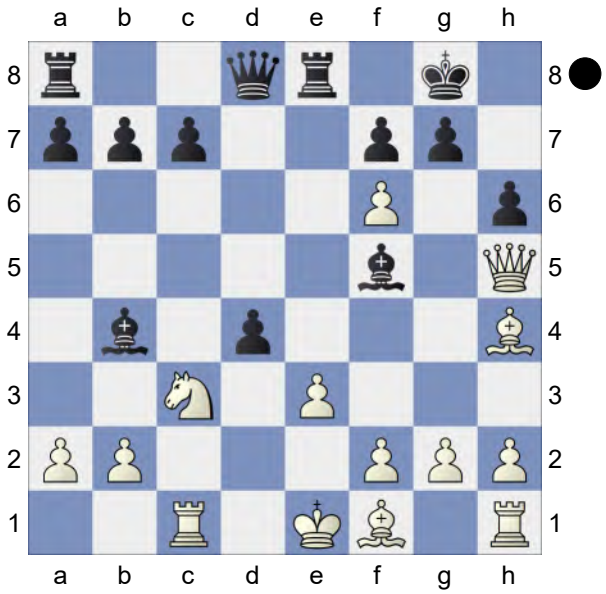
10...Nxe5∓ 11.dxe5 Re8! 12.exf6 -1.06/22

[12.Qb3= -0.24/20 keeps the balance. Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 *(13.Qxc3 g5∓)* 13...Rxe5 14.Qxb7]

12...d4∓ Pin **13.Qh5?** -6.65/26

[13.Bc4∓ -0.97/20 dxc3 14.bxc3 *(14.Bxf7+? Kxf7 15.bxc3 Qxd1+* Overworked Piece *16.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 17.Ke2 gxf6-+)* 14...Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bxc3+ 16.Ke2]

(Diagram)



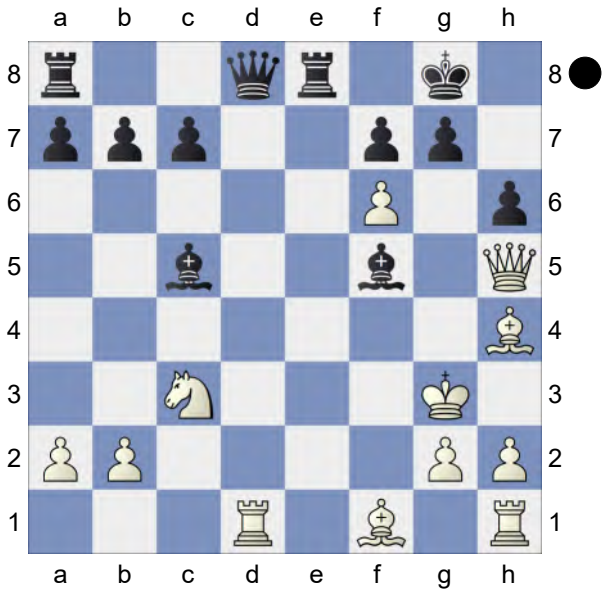
13...dxe3!-+ 14.Rd1 Prevents Qd2+.

[14.fxe3 Rxe3+]

14...exf2+

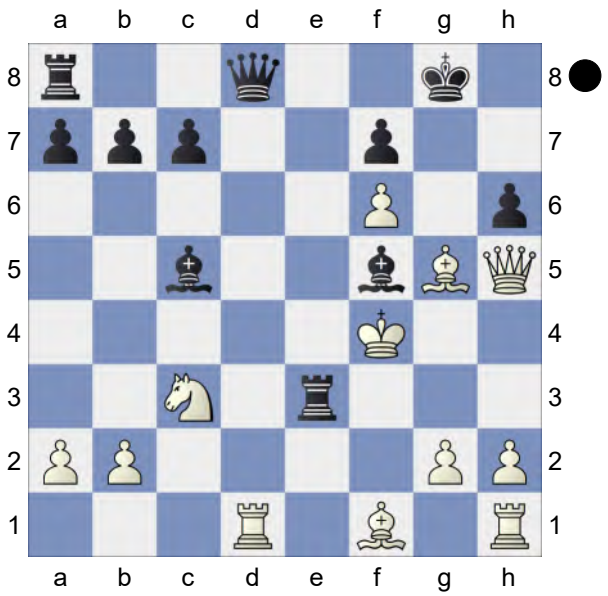
[14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 e2 16.Bxe2± *(16.Rxd8 exf1Q+ 17.Kxf1 Raxd8±)*]

15.Kxf2 Bc5+ 16.Kg3



Re3+! 17.Kf4 g5+ 18.Bxg5

(Diagram)



Qe8! 19.Kxf5 Re5+ 20.Kf4 hxg5+
[Less strong is 20...Be3+ 21.Kf3 Qc6+ *(21...Rf5+ 22.Ke2±)* 22.Nd5 Bxg5 23.Kg3 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Be2∓]
21.Qxg5+ Rxg5 22.Kxg5 Qe5+ 23.Kg4 Qe6+ 24.Kf4 Re8 (-> ...Be3+) **25.Rd5 Be3+ 26.Kf3 Qxf6+ 27.Ke2 Qf2+ 28.Kd3 Qxb2** (-> ...Bh6) **29.h4 Re6 30.Rd8+ Kg7 31.Ne4 Qb1+ 32.Kxe3 Qxe4+ 33.Kd2 Qe1+ 34.Kc2 Rc6+ 35.Kb3 Rc3+ 36.Ka4 Qc1** Black mates. **37.Rg8+ Kxg8 38.h5 Qa3+ 39.Kb5** Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.16/ Black=0.00 (flawless)
39...a6#
0-1

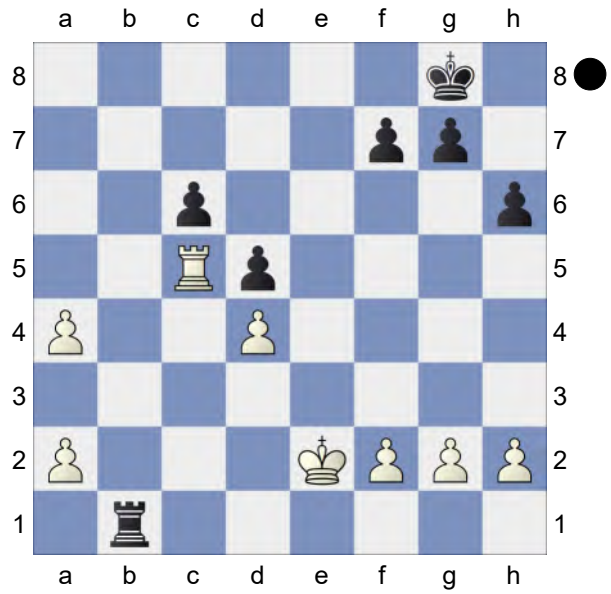
87 **D38**
□ **Korobov,A** **2684**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2774**
23rd European Teams (6.3) 18.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Ne5
[9.Be2 Nbd7 10.Qb3 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 c6 12.Nd2 Ne4 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Rfxd8 15.a4 Nf6 16.Nf1 Ne8 17.Ng3 Bh7 18.Kd2 Nd6 19.Ra2 a5 20.Rha1 Ra7 21.f3 Rda8 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Kxd3 b5 ½-½ (114) Grischuk,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2862) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2020 (9.2)]
[9.Qb3 Nc6 10.Bb5 a5 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 Ne7 13.Be2 c6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Qxb7 h5 17.c4 h4 18.Bc7 Qd7 19.Ne5 Qc8 20.Qxc8 Rfxc8 21.Bb6 f6 22.Ng4 Kg7 23.c5 Nc3 (27) Analysis 9.Qb3 Nc6]
9...c5N Threatens to win with ...Qa5.
[9...g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Rc1 c5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.exd4 f6 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Kg7 16.Qc2 Re8 17.Nd1 Be6 18.Ne3 f5 19.Be5+ Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb6 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Qd1 Bd6 23.h4 Qd8 24.f4 1-0 (55) Edouard,R (2643)-Nguyen,T (2535) Gibraltar Masters 17th 2019 (8) gxf4 25.Qh5 Qf6 26.N3g4 Bxg4 27.Qxg4+ Kh8 28.Rxf4 Bxe5 29.Rxf6 Bxf6 30.Rc7 Bxd4+ 31.Kh1 Rf8 32.Qe6 Bg7 33.Re7 d4 34.Qxe4 Rad8 35.Qg6 Rg8 36.Qd3 Rde8 37.Qe4 Rd8 38.Qd3 Rde8 39.Rxe8 1-0 (55) Edouard,R (2621)-Delchev,A (2629) ESP-chT CECLUB

Honor 2011 (5)]
[9...Qd6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Bd3 Nd7 12.Qf3 Bxd3 13.Qxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxd3 a5 15.Ke2 c6 16.Rhc1 Bd6 17.Na4 g5 18.Nac5 Ra7 19.g3 Kg7 20.b3 h5 21.h3 Re8 22.Re1 Ng8 23.h4 g4 24.Rec1 ½-½ (28) Schmidt,A (2461)-Urquhart,J (2455) Binissalem op 15th 2002]

10.Bd3 cxd4
[10...Bxd3 simplifies 11.Qxd3 cxd4 12.exd4 Bxc3+]

11.exd4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Qd6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Re8 16.Rfe1 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxc6 bxc6 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8= Endgame KR-KR **20.Kf1** Wards off Re2 **20...a5 21.Rc1 Rb8 22.b3 Rb6 23.Rc5 a4 24.bxa4 Rb1+ 25.Ke2**



Rb2+ 26.Kd3 and Kc3 would now be decisive **26...Rxa2 27.Rxc6 Ra3+ 28.Rc3 Rxa4 29.Rc5 Ra3+** The position is equal. **30.Ke2 Ra2+ 31.Kf3 Ra3+ 32.Kg4 h5+ 33.Kf4 Ra2 34.Kg3**
[But not 34.Rxd5 Rxf2+ 35.Ke3 Rxg2 36.Rxh5 g6∓]

34...h4+ 35.Kf3 Ra3+ 36.Ke2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

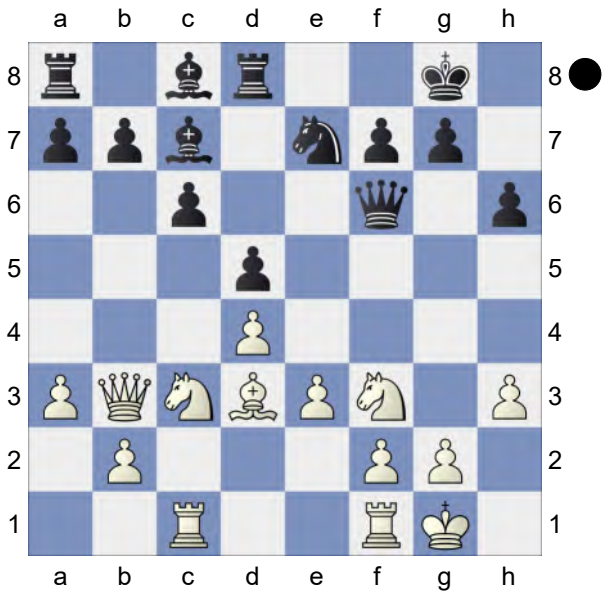
36...Ra2+
½-½

88 **D38**
□ **admete_bot** **2375**
■ **ProteusSF-lite** **3086**
Rapid 20.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
Inf 91/376 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.e3 0-0 10.Qb3N**
[10.Be2 Be6 *(10...Rd8 11.0-0 Bf8 12.Rfc1 Ne7 13.b4 a6 14.Qb3 c6 15.Na4 Bg4 16.Nc5 Ra7 17.a4 Nc8 18.Ra2 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Nb6 20.Be2 g6 21.g3 h5 22.h4 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5* ½-½ (63) Hantel,T (2783)-C 06/32 (2815) Moscow-ch44 1967 (7)*)* 11.a3 *(11.0-0 a6 12.Rac1 Bd6 13.Qc2 Rfe8 14.Na4 Bg4 15.Nc5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxd4 17.exd4 Qf4* D 38/12-N,N 2003*)* 11...Bxc3+ *(11...Bd6 12.Nb5 Qe7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rfc1 Ne7 16.b4 c6 17.Qa5 f5 18.Qc5 Qxc5 19.dxc5 f4 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.g4 fxe3 22.fxe3 Ng6 23.Rf1 Rae8 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Rf1+ Kg8 26.Kf2* 1-0 (65) 3.♘c3 ♘ c6 4.d4 d5 5.ed5 ß (2070)-Reinecker,K (2122) Enghien les Bains 2003 (3) *)* 12.bxc3 Qg6 13.0-0 Bh3 14.Ne1 Rfd8 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Rac8 19.Nd3 Na5 20.Qc3 b6 21.Rad1 Qd5 22.Nb4 Qd6 23.Qc2

½-½ Malakhov,V (2674)-Zhang,Z (2603) Russia - China 2004]

10...Rd8 11.a3 Prevents a5. **11...Ba5 12.h3** The position is equal. **12...Ne7 13.Bd3 c6 14.Rc1 Bc7 15.0-0**



Bxh3! Deflection **16.Qxb7! Bd6 17.Qa6** -1.02/21

[17.Qb3!∓ -0.50/22]

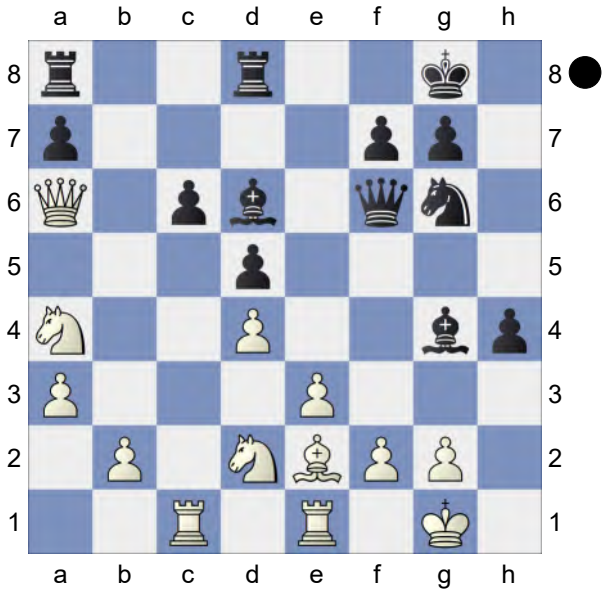
17...h5∓ 18.Rfe1 Bg4 19.Be2 -1.37/20

[Better is 19.Ne5 -0.90/22]

19...Ng6 20.Na4

[20.Qxc6? Bh2+ 21.Nxh2 Qxc6-+]

20...h4 21.Nd2



Bc8 22.Qxc6 -1.72/23

[22.Qa5∓ -1.35/21]

22...Bd7 -1.32/19

[Black should play 22...Rb8-+ -1.72/23 Hoping for ...h3. 23.Bf3 *(23.Qxd5? is the wrong capture. Bh2+* Discovered Attack *24.Kxh2 Rxd5-+)* 23...Bd7]

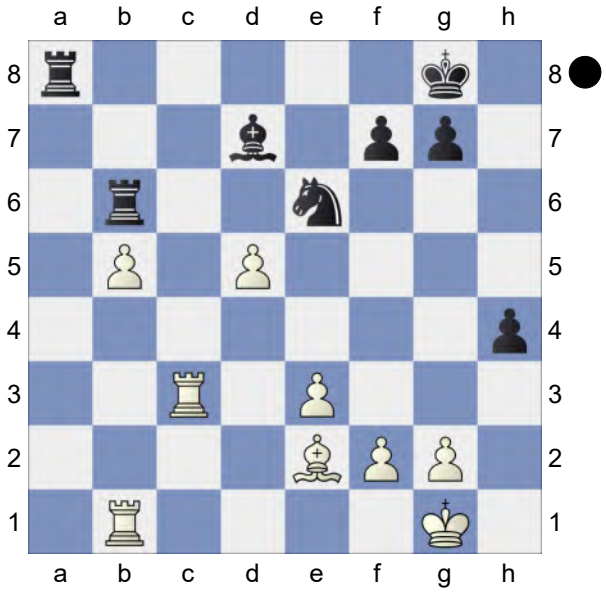
23.Qxd5 Bxa4→ White is in trouble. A strong pair of Bishops. **24.Ne4 Qe7 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 27.Rc7** -1.90/22

[27.b4∓ -1.17/23]

27...a5-+ 28.b4 axb4 29.axb4 Bd7 30.b5 Strongly threatening b6!. **30...Nf8 31.Rb1 Ne6 32.Rc3** -2.32/22

[32.Rc4 -1.88/20]

32...Rb6 33.d5



Nf8 34.Rb2 -2.82/21

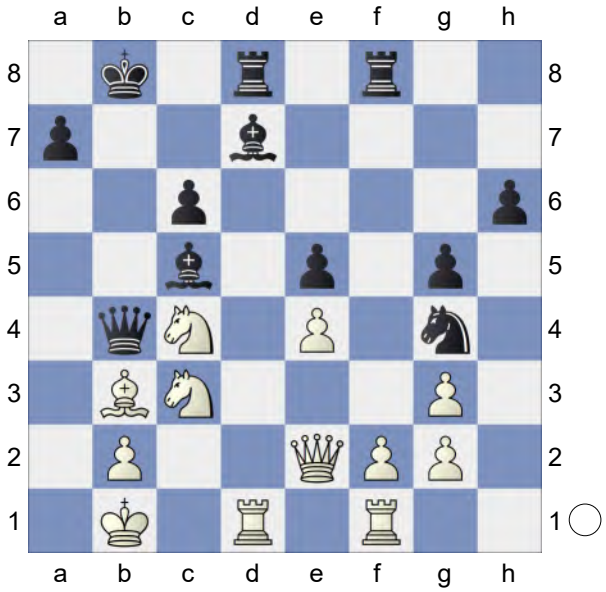
[34.e4 -1.86/20 keeps fighting.]

34...g5 35.Kh2 Kg7 36.Rc5 Kf6 37.Rc1 Ke7 38.Kg1 Ng6 39.Bf1 g4 40.Be2 Ne5 41.Rcb1 Bf5 42.Rd1 Be4 43.Rbd2 f5 44.Rd4 h3 45.d6+ Kd7 46.gxh3 Nf3+ 47.Bxf3 Bxf3 48.e4 Rh8 49.Ra1 Rxh3 50.Ra7+ Ke6 51.Re7+ Kf6 Black mates. **52.e5+ Kg6 53.Rxg4+ fxg4 54.Re6+ Kg5 55.Rh6**

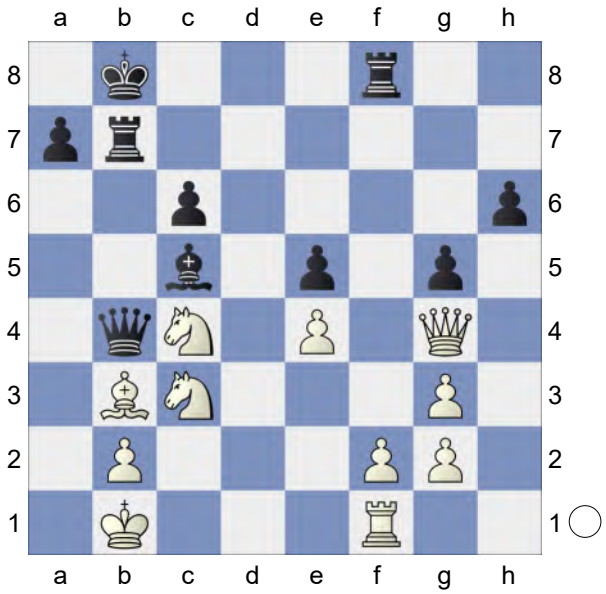
Rxh6 56.d7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
56...Rh1#
0-1

89 **D38**
□ **Scorpionn** **3496**
■ **Stoofvlees Ii A16** **3513**
TCEC 20 Premier 2020 (23.4) 03.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

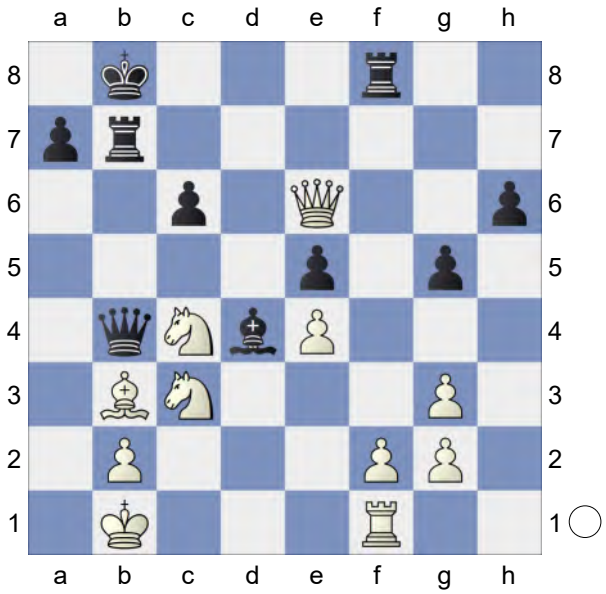
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5
[7...c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qd2 exd5 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Nxd5 Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Nxd2 Be6 16.Bf3 Nd5 17.Nb3 Bb6 18.Rfd1 Nb4 19.Be7 Nxa2 20.Nd4 Rfe8 21.Ba3 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 1-0 (52) Sys,M (2192)-Schlenker,J (2089) Enghien les Bains 2003 (2)]
8.Bg3 Ne4 White is slightly better.
9.Nd2N
[9.Qc2 c6 10.Bd3 Qa5 11.Rc1 f5 12.0-0 Nxg3 13.hxg3 g4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qxc3 17.Rxc3 h5 18.Rfc1 a5 19.f3 h4 20.gxh4 Rxh4 21.Nf1 gxf3 22.gxf3 Bd7 23.R3c2 Kf7 0-1 (64) Rustemov,A (2525)-Predke,A (2684) Speed Chess Q1 blitz 2022 (8) 24.Rh2 Rg8+ 25.Kf2 Rxh2+ 26.Nxh2 Rh8 27.Nf1 Ke7 28.Kg2 f4 29.Re1 fxe3 30.Nxe3 Kd6 31.c5+ Kc7 32.Ng4 Rg8 33.Be2 e5 34.dxe5 Nxg4 35.fxg4 Bxg4 36.Bxg4 Rxg4+ 37.Kf3 Rc4 38.Rh1 Rxc5 0-1 (64) 14.♗c4 ♖c4 15.g4_20763 (2525)-Rosenstielke,M (2684) 61/550 Tilburg 1994 (8)]
9...Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.a3 Be7 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Qe2 White is more active. **13...Bd7 14.Nf3 Ng4 15.0-0-0 Qc7 16.Kb1 dxc4 17.Bxc4 0-0-0 18.e4! e5 19.Bxf7 Kb8 20.Rhf1 Rhf8 21.Bb3 Qa5 22.d5 Bxa3 23.dxc6! bxc6**
[23...Bxc6?! 24.Nd2±]
24.Nd2 Bc5 ...Qb4! would now be deadly. **25.Nc4 Qb4**



26.Rxd7! Remove Defender **26...Rxd7 27.Qxg4 Rb7**

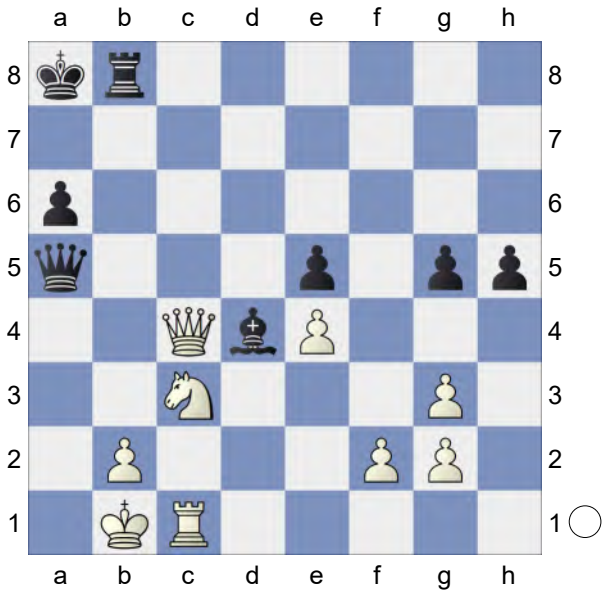


28.Qe6! Bd4

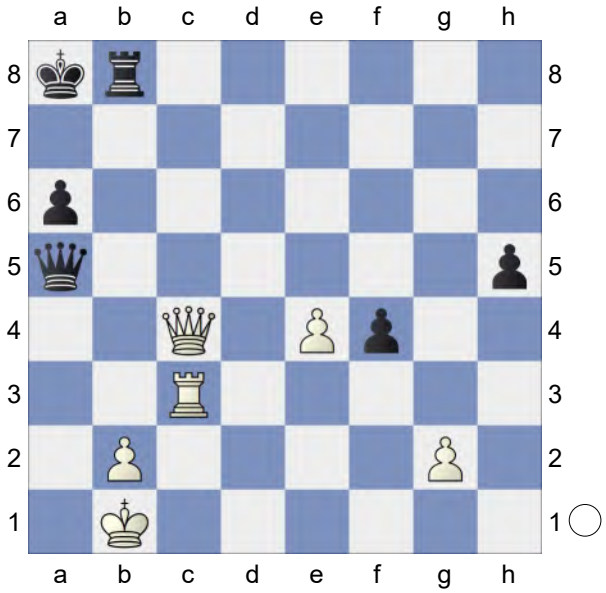


29.Na5! Deflection **29...Qxa5 30.Qd6+**
[30.Qxh6? Rd8 *(30...Rxf2? 31.Rxf2 Bxf2 32.Qf8+ Kc7 33.Qxf2+-)* 31.Qe6 Bxc3-+]
30...Ka8 31.Qxf8+ Rb8 32.Qd6
[32.Qxh6 Qa6 33.Rd1 Rxb3 34.Rxd4 exd4 35.Qh8+ Rb8 36.Qxd4 g4∓]
32...Rxb3 33.Qxc6+ Rb7 34.Rc1 h5 35.Qc8+ 1.03/5
[35.f3± 0.54/28]
35...Rb8± 36.Qc4 a6 1.09/27
[36...Rb4± 0.65/25 37.Qe6 Rb6 38.Qc8+ Rb8 39.Qc6+ Rb7]

(Diagram)



37.f4 0.13/31 **Bxc3= 38.Rxc3 exf4 39.gxf4 gxf4** Endgame



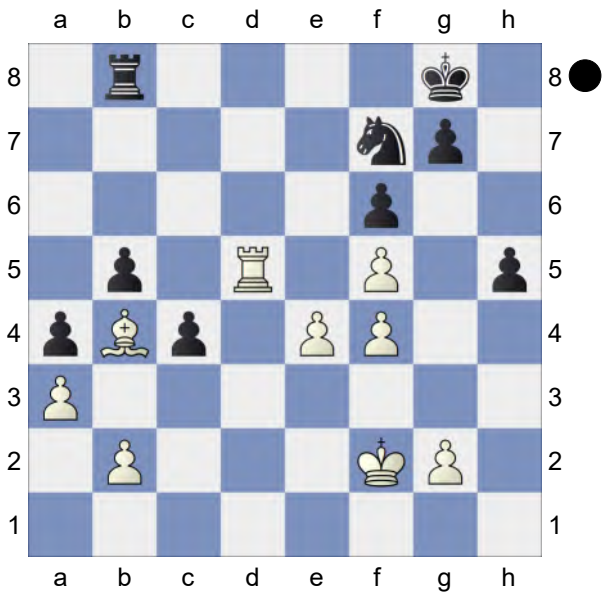
KQR-KQR **40.e5! Rb7 41.e6 Qb5! 42.Qxb5**
[42.Qxf4? Qxb2#]
42...axb5 KR-KR **43.Rc8+** The position is equal.
[Resist 43.Rf3?! Re7±]
43...Ka7 44.Rf8 Kb6! 45.Rxf4 Re7 46.Rf6 Kc7 47.Rh6 b4 48.Ka2 Rg7 49.Rxh5 aiming for Re5. **49...Rxg2**
[49...Kd6 simplifies 50.Rh4 Rxg2 51.Rxb4 Kxe6 52.Rd4 Rg8]

50.Re5 Intending e7 and mate. **50...Kd8 51.e7+ Ke8 52.Kb3 Rh2 53.Re4 Rf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **54.Rxb4**
½-½

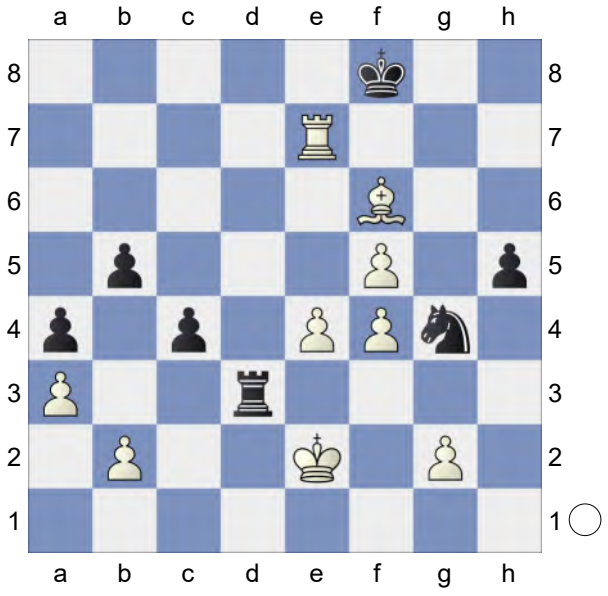
90 **D38**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2668**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2616**
23rd ch-EUR Indiv 2023 (8.4) 10.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Bd2 0-0 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 White has an edge. **8...a5**
[8...Ne4 9.Qc2 b6 *(9...e5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.dxe5 Bf5 12.Nh4 Nxf2 13.e4 Nxh1 14.exd5 Bxc2 15.dxc6 Be4 16.cxb7 Bxb7 17.Bc4 Rad8 18.Ke2 Bd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Rxh1 f6 21.Nf5 Re8 22.Ne3 Rb5 23.exf6 gxf6 24.Kf3* 1-0 (37) Mecelica,E (2557)-Veres,E (2591) corr CP LSS IECG 2003 (2)*)* 10.e3 Bb7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 Re8 13.0-0 a5 14.b4 Qd6 15.b5 Ne7 16.a4 Nf5 17.Bb2 Rac8 18.Ba3 Qh6 19.Ne5 Nh4 20.Rae1 f6 21.Ng4 Qg5 22.f3 h5 23.fxe4 1-0 (47) Shankland,S (2710)-Abdusattorov,N (2713) Gashimov Memorial Blitz 8th 2022 (6)]
9.e3 Bd7N 0.68/21
[9...Ne7= 0.24/19 10.Qc2 b6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.0-0 Ne4 15.Rac1 Re8 16.Ne5 c5 17.Qd3 Ra8 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Rfd1 Qb6 20.Qe2 Nxc3 21.Rxc3 c4 22.Qc2 a4 23.h3 Ra5 24.Nf3 Nc6 ½-½ (45) Mohammad Fahad,R (2380)-Koustav,C (2496) BAN-chT Premier 2022 (9.4)]
10.Qc2± a4 11.Bd3 Na5 1.24/21
[⌓11...dxc4 0.77/22 12.Bxc4 Na5]
12.cxd5± exd5 13.Ne5 Nb3 14.Rd1 Be6 15.f3 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qf2 Nfd7 18.Bc2 White is more active. **18...Nxe5 19.Bxe5 f6 20.Bc3** This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Bf7 21.Qh4** 1.29/21
[21.0-0+- 1.77/19]
21...h6 1.85/20
[21...Bg6± 1.29/21 22.Bxg6 hxg6]
22.Qf4 Qe7 1.98/20
[22...Re8± 1.51/18 23.Kf2 Qc8]
23.Kf2+- Rfe8 24.Rhe1 Ne6 25.Qf5 Nf8 Prevents Qh7+. **26.Rd4 b5 27.Bd3 Rab8 28.Rb4 Be6 29.Qh5 Qd7 30.h3 Rec8 31.Rd1 Bf7** 2.44/21
[⌓31...Rb7 1.66/18 32.Qh4 Kh8]
32.Qg4 Qxg4 33.hxg4
[33.fxg4?! Be8 34.h4 Rc5±]
33...Rc4? 4.40/25
[33...Rc5 2.42/23 might work better. 34.Bd4 Rcc8 35.Bxb5 *(35.Rxb5 Nd7+-)* 35...Be8]
34.Rxc4 dxc4 35.Be4 Ne6 36.Bb4 Against Nc5 **36...Ng5 37.Bf5 Be6 38.f4 Bxf5 39.gxf5** Endgame KRB-KRN **39...Nf7**
[39...Ne4+ 40.Kf3 Re8 41.Rd4+-]
40.Rd5 h5 41.e4

(Diagram)



Nh6 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.Rd7+ Kg8 44.Bc3 Hoping for Kg3. **44...Kf8?** 5.87/25
[44...Re8 3.44/22 45.Rd1 Rb8]
45.Ke3 Ke8? 7.25/24
[45...Re8 3.03/25 46.Kd4 Kg8]
46.Rxg7 Rd8 47.Ke2
[Worse is 47.Bxf6 Ng4+ 48.Rxg4 Rd3+ 49.Ke2 hxg4=]
47...Rd3 48.Bxf6 Ng4 49.Re7+ Kf8



50.Re6! Re3+ 51.Kf1
[51.Kd2 Rg3=]
51...Nh2+ 52.Kg1 Ng4 53.Bc3 Re2 54.e5 Rc2 55.g3
[Not 55.Bb4+ Kg7 56.Rg6+ Kh7±]
55...Ne3 56.Rg6 8.65/18
[⌓56.Bb4+ 18.34/22 Kg7 57.Re7+ Kh6 58.f6 Rg2+ 59.Kh1 Rxb2 60.f7 *(60.e6 Rb1+ 61.Kh2 Ng4+ 62.Kg2 Rb2+ 63.Kf1 Rb1+ 64.Ke2 Nxf6+-)*]
56...Rg2+ 57.Kh1 Rf2 58.Bb4+ Ke8 59.e6 Kd8 60.e7+ Kd7 61.Rd6+ 9.37/23
[⌓61.Re6 35.19/28 Rf1+ 62.Kh2 Ng4+ 63.Kg2 Rf2+ 64.Kg1]
61...Kc7 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.34
62.e8Q
1-0

91 **D38**
□ **AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1** **3536**
■ **Komodo** **3505**
TCEC 19 Premier 2020 (56.2) 25.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Rc1 c6 8.a3 Bd6 9.e3 0-0 10.Bd3
[10.Be2 Re8 11.Bh4 Nf8 12.Bg3 Ng6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Na4 Ne4 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Qf6 18.Qd4 Ne5 19.Kh1 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Re6 21.Be2 Rae8 22.Rcd1 Qe7 23.Qc3 Rh6 24.Rd4 f5 0-1 (44) Zubov,A (2588)-Moiseenko,A (2701) UKR-ch 83rd Lvov 2014 (1)]
10...Re8 White is slightly better. **11.0-0 Nf8 12.Qa4N**
[12.Re1 Bg4 *(12...h6 13.Bh4 Bg4 14.Qc2 Bh5 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3*

Bg6 17.Bxg6 Nxg6 18.Ne2 Ne4 19.Nf4 Qf6 20.b4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 Nd6 22.Qc3 a5 23.bxa5 Qd8 24.Qb4 Rxa5 25.a4 Qc7 26.Rc5 Ra6 27.Rec1 1-0 (45) Kavakul,M (2746)-Sethuraman,S (2751) 39/620 Linares 1985 (1.1)*)* 13.h3 *(13.Bh4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.Bxd6 Nxd6 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 f5 18.g3 Ne7 19.Na4 Kh8 20.Nc5 b6 21.Ne6 Qd7 22.Nf4 g5 23.Nh5 Rf8 24.Rc2 Rf7 25.Rec1 Raf8* Evdokimov,A (2569)-Aleksandrov,A (2618) 102/(317) Moscow 2008*)* 13...Bh5 14.Bh4 Bg6 15.b4 a5 16.Rb1 axb4 17.axb4 Ra3 18.Bxg6 Nxg6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qc1 Rea8 21.b5 Qd8 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Re2 h6 24.Rc2 Ne7 Popov,V (2525)-Atalik,S (2592) Plovdiv 2008]

12...Be6 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.Qc2 h6 15.Bh4 N8d7 16.h3 Rc8 17.Qe2 a6 18.Bb1 b5 19.Qd3 0.16/20

[19.Nd2!± 0.62/19 deserves consideration.]

19...g6 20.Qe2 a5 21.Nd2 Qe7 22.Qd1 Kg7 23.Ne2 c5 24.dxc5 Nxc5 25.Nf3 Bb8 26.Qe1 Bd7 27.Rd1

[27.Qxa5 Nb3 28.Qb6 *(28.Bxf6+? Qxf6 29.Qb4 Nxc1-+)* 28...Nxc1 29.Qxf6+ Qxf6∓]

27...Nce4 28.Bxf6+ Qxf6 29.Rxd5 Bc6 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.Rd2 Ree8 32.Ned4 Bb7 33.Qe2 b4 34.axb4 axb4 35.Rb1 Ba6 36.Qd1 Bb7 37.Qe2 Ba6 38.Qd1 Bb7 39.Qf1 Ba6 40.Ne2 Bb7 41.Ned4 Ba6 42.Qe1 Bb7 43.Qd1 Red8 44.Qe2 Ba6 45.Qd1 Bb7 46.Qe2 Ba6 47.Qe1 Bb7 48.Rc1 Kh7

[48...Rxc1 49.Qxc1 Rc8 50.Qd1 Be4]

49.Nh2

[49.Rxc8 Rxc8 50.Qd1 Be4 51.Nh2]

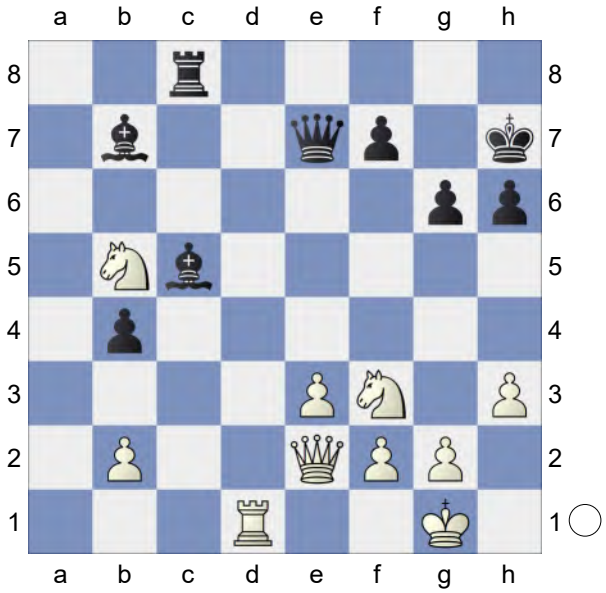
49...Be4 50.Qd1

[50.Ndf3 simplifies Rxd2 51.Qxd2 Rxc1+ 52.Qxc1 Qe7 53.Qc4]

50...Bc7 51.Kh1 Bb8 52.Rxc8 Rxc8 53.Kg1 Qe7 54.Nhf3 Qf6 55.Nb3 Qe7 56.Qf1 Bd6 57.Qa6 Rc6 58.Qe2 Rc8 59.Qa6 Rc6 60.Qe2 Rc8 61.Qd1 Bb8 62.Nbd4

[62.h4 Kg7 63.Rd7 Qe8 64.Qd4+]

62...Qd6 63.Qa1 Qe7 64.Qf1 Qf6 65.Nh2 Qe7 66.Nhf3 Bd6 67.Nb5 Bb8 68.Qd1 Qe6 69.Nbd4 Qd6 70.Qf1 Qe7 71.Qe2 Bd6 72.Nb3 Qe6 73.Nbd4 Qe7 74.Rd1 Bb7 75.Nb5 Bc5



This pair of bishops is nice. **76.Nbd4 Bd6 77.Qf1 Be4 78.Qb5 Bb7 79.Qa4 Kg8 80.Qb5 Kh7 81.Qd3 Be4 82.Qa6 Rc5 83.Qf1 Rc8 84.Qa6 Rc5 85.Qe2 Rc8 86.Kf1 Bb7 87.Kg1 Be4 88.Qf1 Bb7 89.Nb5 Bc5 90.Nbd4 Bd6 91.Qb5 Rd8 92.Qb6**

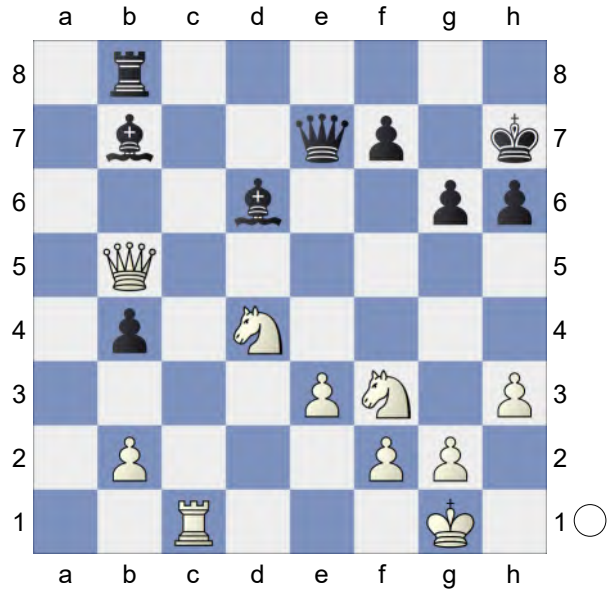
[92.Rd2 keeps more tension. Qe4 93.Nb3 Bc6 94.Qf1]

92...Be4

[92...Bc7!? 93.Qb5□ *(93.Qxb7?*

perishes. *Bh2+* Discovered Attack *94.Kxh2 Qxb7-+)* 93...Rd5=]

93.Qb5 Bb7 94.Rc1 Rb8

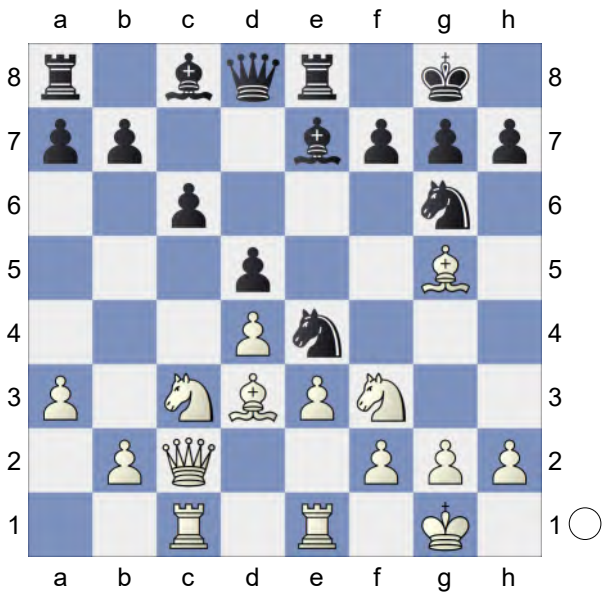


The position is equal. **95.Qd3 Rd8 96.Qc2 Rc8** Prevents Nc6 **97.Qd1 Ra8 98.b3 Qf6 99.Qf1 Ra2 100.Ra1 Rxa1 101.Qxa1 Bxf3 102.gxf3=** Endgame KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up. **102...Qg5+ 103.Kf1 Qh5 104.Kg2 Qg5+! 105.Kh1 Qh5 106.Kg2 Qg5+! 107.Kh1** and Qa7 should not be overlooked **107...Qh5 108.Qf1 Be5** aiming for ...Bxd4.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
109.Kg1
½-½

92 **D38**
□ **Komodo** **3505**
■ **AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1** **3536**
TCEC 19 Premier 2020 (49.2) 22.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Rc1 c6 8.a3 Bd6 0.41/21
[8...Bxc3+= -0.03/21 deserves consideration. 9.Rxc3 0-0]
9.e3± Nf8
[9...0-0 10.Bd3 *(10.Be2 Re8 11.Bh4 Nf8 12.Bg3 Ng6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Na4 Ne4 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Qf6 18.Qd4 Ne5 19.Kh1 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Re6 21.Be2 Rae8 22.Rcd1 Qe7 23.Qc3 Rh6 24.Rd4 f5* 0-1 (44) Zubov,A (2588)-Moiseenko,A (2701) UKR-ch 83rd Lvov 2014 (1)*)* 10...Re8 11.0-0 Nf8 12.Re1 h6 13.Bh4 Bg4 14.Qc2 Bh5 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Bg6 17.Bxg6 Nxg6 18.Ne2 Ne4 19.Nf4 Qf6 20.b4 Nxf4 21.gxf4 Nd6 22.Qc3 a5 23.bxa5 Qd8 24.Qb4 1-0 (45) Ivanchuk,V (2746)-Morozevich,A (2751) Leon 22nd rapid 2009 (1.1)]
10.Qa4N Threatens to win with Nxd5!.
[10.Bd3 Ng6 11.Nh4 *(11.Qc2 Be6 12.Nh4 0-0 13.Ne2 h6 14.Nxg6 fxg6 15.Nf4 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 g5 17.Bg3 Ne4* Salaun,Y (2513)-5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2692) Naestved Nimzowitsch Memorial 1985*)* 11...0-0 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.0-0 Qe8 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf4 17.Rc2 Kg7 18.Re1 Qd8 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO D4 2003]
10...Be7 White is slightly better. **11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Rfe1 Ne4!**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack **15.Bxe7**
[15.Nxe4? dxe4 16.Bxe4 *(16.Bxe7? Qxe7 17.Be2 exf3-+)* 16...Bxg5-+]
15...Qxe7 16.b4 a6 17.a4 Bd7 18.Qb1 Rac8 19.Ne2 Bf5 20.Nc3
[20.Bc2 feels hotter. Nh4 21.Nxh4 Qxh4 22.Ng3]
20...Nxc3 21.Rxc3 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Nh4 23.Nxh4 Qxh4 24.Rc3 h5 25.Qf5 Qg4
[Don't go for 25...Qxd4? 26.Qxc8 Qe5 27.Qd7+- *(27.Qxb7 Qxc3 28.Rf1 Qc4=)*]
26.Qxg4 hxg4= Endgame KRR-KRR **27.Rec1 Ra8 28.Rc5 Re6 29.Rb1 g5 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 Ra2 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Rbc1 Rd2 34.R5c2 Rxc2 35.Rxc2** KR-KR **35...f5 36.Ra2 f4 37.Kf1 Rf6 38.Ke2 Rh6 39.Ra8+ Kf7 40.Rc8 Rxh2 41.Rc7+ Ke8**

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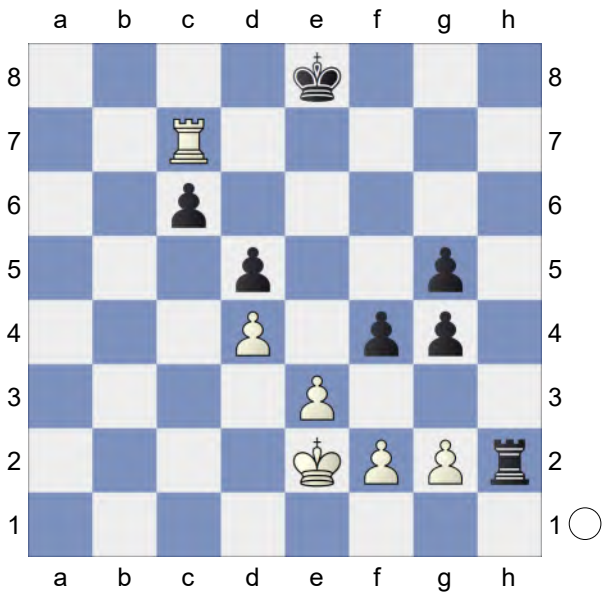

42.Rxc6 Rxg2 43.Rg6 Rg1 44.Rxg5 f3+ 45.Kd3 Rd1+ 46.Kc3 Rg1 and ...g3! should not be overlooked **47.Kd3 Rg2 48.Re5+ Kf7 49.Rg5!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
49...Kf6
½-½

93 **D38**
□ **Drygalov,Sergey** **2547**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2688**
Julius Baer Play In rapid (5.33) 24.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ is cutting edge theory.ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **7.bxc3 Ne4** Wards off Bg5 **8.Qc2** -0.11/21
[8.e3⩲ 0.41/20]
8...Na5 9.e3 0-0 10.Bd3 b6 11.cxd5N exd5 12.0-0 Bf5N
[12...Re8 13.Ne5 c5 14.f3 Nf6 15.Qb1 h6 16.Ra2 c4 17.Bc2 Ba6

18.Re1 Qc7 19.Ba4 Re7 20.Rf2 Walter (2574)-Yoo,E (2601) (ch) 44/(151) 1987]

13.Ne1 Qd7 0.35/23

[13...Bg6 14.f3 Nd6 15.Bxg6 -0.38/21 *(15.e4= 0.20/21)* 15...hxg6 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 c5 18.Nf3 and Bg5 would now be decisive cxd4 19.cxd4 Rc8]

[13...Bg6= -0.23/25]

14.f3± Nd6 15.e4↑ White fights for an advantage. **15...Bg6 16.e5 Ndc4 17.f4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 f5** 0.74/22

[18...f6= 0.01/21]

19.Nf3 Rae8 0.95/19

[19...Nb3± 0.47/19]

20.Nh4 g6 21.Rb1 0.10/22

[21.a4± 0.74/22]

21...Nb7 0.71/22

[21...Kf7= 0.10/22]

22.g4± Kh8 1.42/22

[⌓22...Rf7 0.80/22]

23.gxf5 gxf5 24.Kh1 Qf7! 25.Be3? -1.97/24

[25.Rf3± 0.57/24 stays ahead.]

25...Qh5? 0.61/23

[25...Nbd6!-+ -1.97/24 Threatens to win with ...Ne4. 26.Rf3 Qh5 27.exd6 Qxh4 28.dxc7 Qe7 *(28...Nxa3 29.Bf2±)*]

26.Bf2± Nd8! 27.Ng2! Ne6? 2.15/23

[27...Re6!= 0.28/23]

28.Bh4+- h6? 3.43/23

[28...c6 1.74/20 might work better. 29.a4 *(29.Bf6+ Rxf6 30.exf6 Nd6=)* 29...Ng7]

29.Rbe1? 0.48/28

[29.Rf3!+- 3.43/23]

29...Rg8 30.Bf6+ Kh7 31.Nh4 Rg4! 32.Qxf5+

[32.h3 Rxh4 33.Bxh4 Qxh4 34.Qxf5+ Kh8 35.Qf6+]

32...Qxf5 33.Nxf5 Nxf4 34.Rg1 0.01/26

[34.Ne7!± 0.44/23 was preferable.]

34...h5 1.28/22

[34...Reg8= 0.01/26]

35.Rxg4 0.62/22

[35.Rg3!± 1.28/22]

35...hxg4± 36.Bg5 -0.43/25

[36.h3!± 0.52/23]

36...Ne6 0.12/25 A dynamic duo of knights.

[36...Kg6!∓ -0.43/25 37.Ng7 Kxg7 38.Bxf4 Nxa3]

37.Bc1 Kg6? 1.60/24

[37...c5= 0.01/25]

38.Nh4+? -0.01/25

[White should try 38.Rf1± 1.60/24]

38...Kh5= 39.Nf5 Rf8 40.Ne7 c6 41.Nxc6 b5? 3.59/23

[41...Rf3± 0.54/23]

42.Ne7

[42.Nxa7 Rf2±]

42...Nb6 43.Kg2 Rf3? 3.55/26

[Black should try 43...Rf7± 0.50/27]

44.Rf1+- Rxf1 45.Kxf1 Endgame KBN-KNN. White is a pawn up. **45...Nc4?** 7.18/25

[45...a5 3.62/24 46.Kf2 Ng5 47.Bxg5 Kxg5]

46.Kg2 Nb6 47.Kg3 a5 48.Nc6 a4? 6.81/23

[48...Nc4 3.86/26 49.Kg2 *(49.Ne7 Nb6+-)* 49...Ng5]

49.Na7 Nc7

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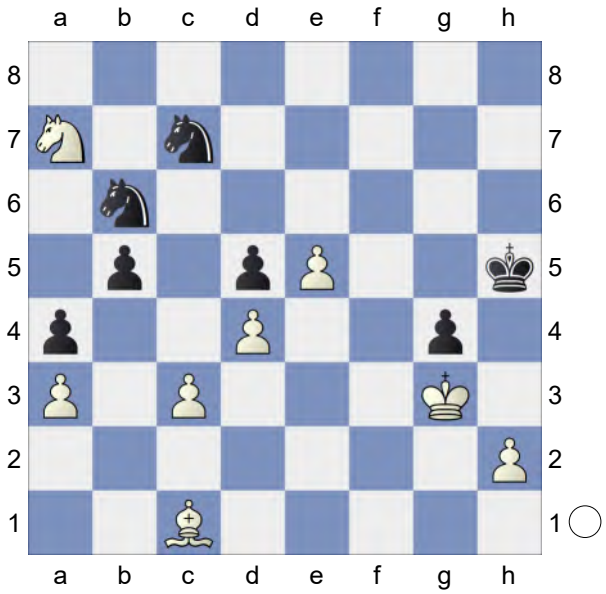
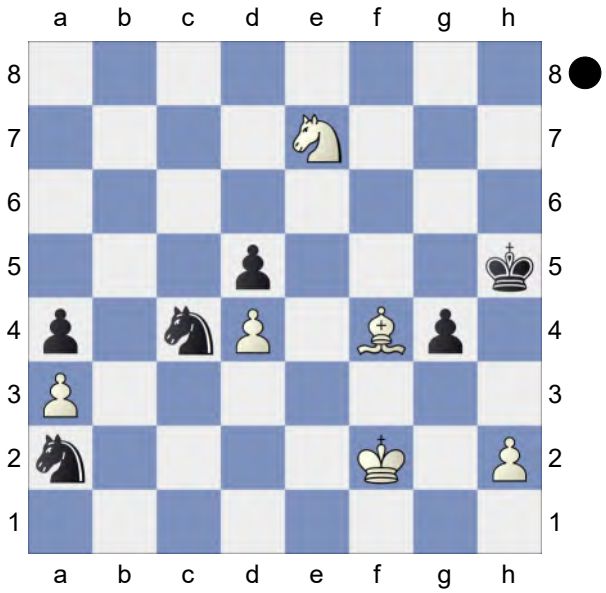


50.e6? 0.01/25 **Nxe6= 51.Nxb5 Nc4** Against Nd6 **52.Na7 Nc7** Dodges Nb5 Predecessor: **53.Nc6 Nb5 54.Ne7** -0.89/28

[54.Ne5= -0.05/28 keeps the balance.]

54...Nxc3∓ 55.Kf2 Inhibits Ne2. **55...Na2 56.Bf4**

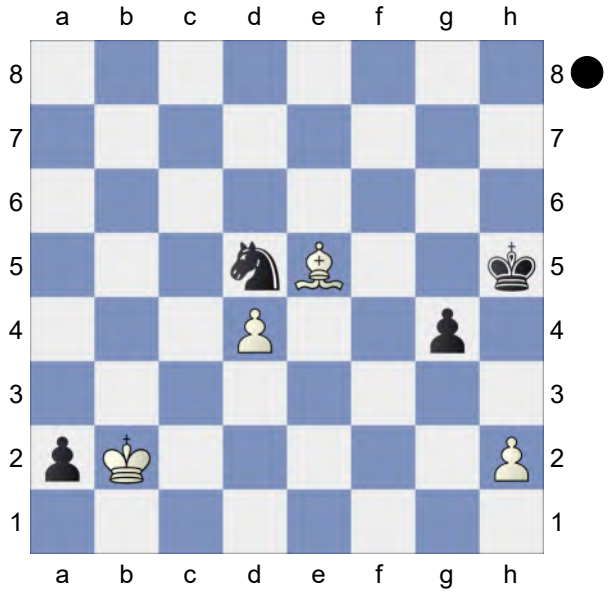


Nxa3 -0.04/20

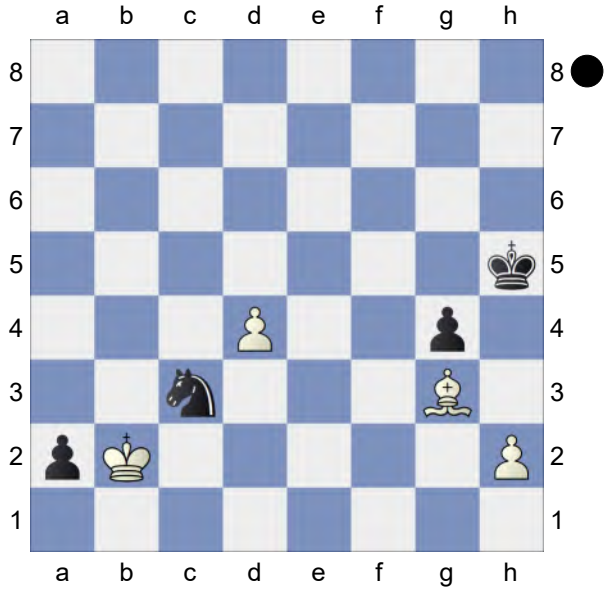
[56...Nb4!∓ -1.24/25 57.Nc8 *(57.axb4? too greedy. a3-+)* 57...Nc2 *(57...Nxa3? 58.Nb6∓)*]

57.Nxd5= Nb5 58.Ke2 Nac3+ 59.Nxc3

1-0 Koelle,T (2430)-Prusikin,M (2522) AUT-chT 2223 2022 (4.2) **59...Nxc3+** KB-KN **60.Kd3 Nd5 61.Be5 a3 62.Kc2! a2 63.Kb2**



Nc3! Decoy, Promotion **64.Bg3**



Kg5! 65.Be1 Nb5 66.Bf2

[66.d5 with more complications. Kf5 67.Bg3 Nc3 68.d6]

66...Kf5 67.Kxa2 Ke4 68.Kb3 Nxd4+ 69.Kc3 Nf5 70.Kd2 Kf3 71.Bb6 Ne7 72.Bc7 Nd5 73.Be5 Ne7 74.Ke1 Ng6 75.Bg3 Nf4 76.Bxf4 Kxf4 77.Kf2 Kg5 78.Kg3 Kh5 79.h3 gxh3

Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.69
80.Kxh3
½-½

94 **D38**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **2680**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2550**
PRO League KO Stage rapid (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Paunovic, Tomislav: 'Sagar,Shah/CB Website: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.' Sagar,Shah/CB Website: 'Magnus Carlsen concluded the year 2015 with another tournament victory. Here he scored a very important win in the penultimate round against his Azeri rival. ' Sagar,Shah/CB Website: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.' Sagar,Shah/CB Website: 'Magnus Carlsen concluded the year 2015 with another tournament victory. Here he scored a very important win in the penultimate round against his Azeri rival.' Sagar,Shah/CB Website: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss.'' Andrew Martin: 'There follows one of the best examples I have ever seen of how to play against the isolated queen's pawn. Whilst not coming from a strict QGA move order, a typical IQP position is soon reached.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'On the brink of success with a score of 5½/7, Shakhriyar's wonderful tournament then suddenly turned into a nightmare. In his crucial game against Magnus, it seems

nerves got the better of him, and in their penultimate round encounter the world champion made it quite clear who was boss." **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0** Nc3-e4 is the strong threat. **10...cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.exd4 Rd8** The position is equal. **13.a3!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Ba5 15.Ng3 Bb6 16.Qe4 Bd7 17.h4 Be8 18.a3 Rd6 19.Qg4 Rad8 20.d5 Qf8 21.Qe4 Ne7 22.Bd3 f5 23.Qe5 Nxd5 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Nxf5 Rc6 Mamedyarov,S (2748)-Carlsen,M (2834) 127/149 Doha 2015 0-1]

13...Ba5 14.Rc2 Nd7N

[14...Bd7 15.Re2 Bc6 16.Qc2 Bd5 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Nc3 Rd6 20.d5 Ziatdinov (2247)-Baracu,N (2357) Slovenija 146/196 2020]

15.Re2 -0.43/19

[15.Qe2= 0.01/20 deserves consideration.]

15...Nf6∓ 16.Qd3 Bd7N -0.10/21

[Predecessor: 16...a6 0.00/19 16...Ba5-b6 -0.54 17.b4 -0.42/20 *(17.Ne5= 0.00/19 was preferrable.)* 17...Bb6 18.Nc3 -1.02/20 *(18.Rd1= -0.08/19)* 18...Qf8 -0.26/20 *(18...Bd7∓ -1.02/20 ...Bd7-c6 would now be deadly. 19.d5 Bc6 Pin)* 19.Rd1 -0.80/21 *(19.Ne4= -0.26/20 keeps the balance.)* 19...Bd7∓ 20.Ne5 Bb5 21.Qe3 Bxc4 22.Nxc4 Bc7 Getman,T (2213)-Karmanova,O (2051) St Petersburg-ch (Women) 91st 2023 (4) 1/2-1/2]

[16...Bb6∓ -0.54/21]

17.Nc5= Rab8 18.Ne5 Be8 19.b4 Bc7 20.g3 -0.69/19

[20.f4= -0.06/21]

20...Nd5 0.28/20

[20...Bxe5!∓ -0.69/19 21.Rxe5 Kh8 *(21...b6 22.Nxe6 Rd6 23.Nxg7±)*]

21.Rc1 -0.86/20

[21.Rfe1= 0.28/20]

21...a5 -0.22/20

[21...b6∓ -0.86/20 22.Bxd5 bxc5 *(22...Rxd5 23.Na6∓)*]

22.b5 Qg5 0.01/22

[Black should try 22...Bb6∓ -0.50/20]

23.Qc2 Bb6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Ned3 Qf6 26.Qb2 Rbc8 27.Re5 Nc7 1.31/20

[27...Qf3!= -0.01/21 remains equal.]

28.a4±

[Stronger than 28.Nxb7 Bxd4 29.Qe2 Bxe5 30.Nxd8 Bd6∓ *(30...Nxb5 31.Bxb5 Rxc1+ 32.Nxc1±)*]

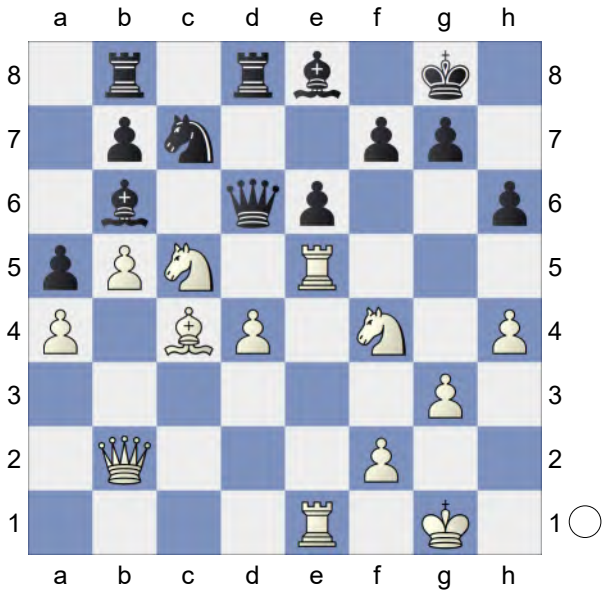
28...Rb8 1.23/21

[Black should play 28...Kh8 0.86/20]

29.Rce1↑ White is in control. **29...Qe7 30.Nf4** White has more active pieces.

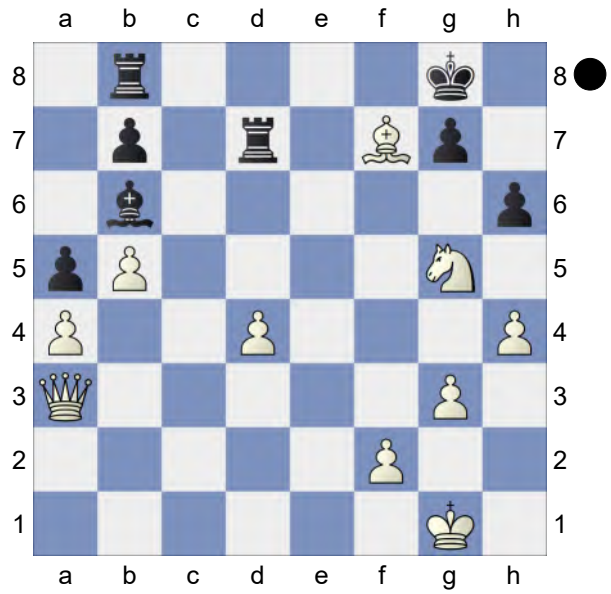
30...Qd6 3.66/24

[30...Kh8± 0.98/18]



This costs Black the game. **31.Nfxe6! fxe6 32.Rxe6 Nxe6 33.Rxe6 Qxe6** 5.60/23

[33...Kh8 2.82/22]
34.Nxe6+- Rd6 35.Qa3 Rd7 36.Ng5+ 11.36/24
[⌓36.Qf8+ #13/21 Kh7 37.Nf4 11.40/21 *(⌓37.h5 #11/21 Bxh5 38.Qxb8 Bc5 39.dxc5 Rf7 40.Nf8+* Discovered Attack *Rxf8 41.Qxf8 Be2 42.Bxe2)* 37...Bh5 38.Qxb8 Rd8 39.Qxb7 *(39.Bd3+ Kg8+-)* 39...Be8 40.Qe4+ *(40.Qxb6 Rc8 41.Bd3+ Kh8 42.Qe6 Rc1+ 43.Kh2 g6 44.Qxe8+ Kg7 45.Bxg6 Rh1+ 46.Kxh1 h5 47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Qh7#)*]
[⌓36.Qf8+ #12/20 Kh7 37.Bd3+ g6 38.Qf6 Bxd4 39.Nxd4 Bf7 40.Ne6 Rg8 41.h5]
36...Bf7 White is clearly winning.
37.Bxf7+

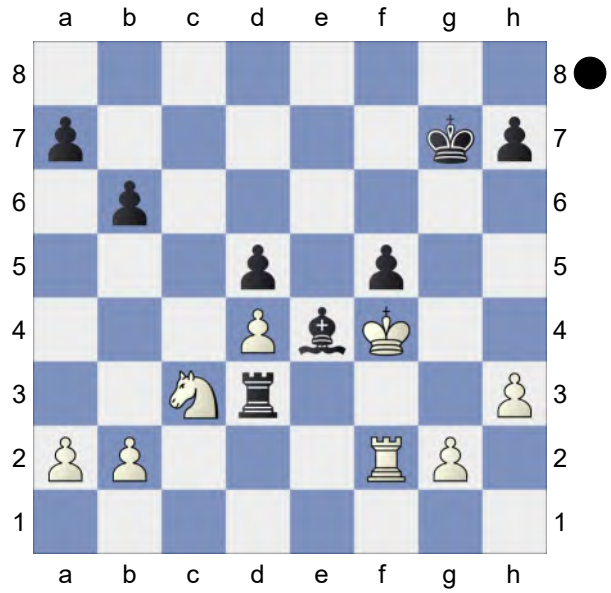


Overworked Piece **37...Rxf7 38.Nxf7 Kxf7 39.Qd6 Ba7 40.b6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.77
1-0

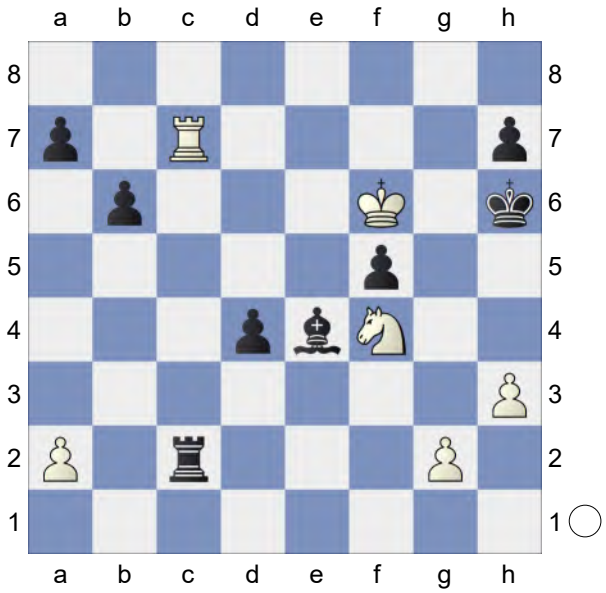
95 **D38**
☐ **Sarana,Alexey** **2712**
■ **Kovacevic,Aleksandar** **2482**
18th ch-SRB 2024 (1.5) 17.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Qc2 dxc4 7.e3! 0-0 8.Bxc4 White is slightly better.
8...Bd6 9.0-0 e5 10.h3 exd4N
[10...a6 11.a3 h6 *(11...Bd7 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.f4 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.e4 Qd4+ 20.Kh2 Qc4 21.Rac1 Qxc2 22.Rxc2 c6 23.Rd2 Rfd8 24.Rfd1 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Kf8 26.Rd4* ½-½ (57) Persse,D (2728)-Gardon,E (2731) KAZ-ch Semey 2022 (4.1)*)*
12.Rd1 Bd7
A) 13.b4 Qc8 *(13...Qe7 14.d5 Na7 15.e4 Nc8 16.Be3 a5 17.b5 Re8 18.a4 Bb4 19.Bd3 Nb6 20.Nd2 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Nb3 Qd6 23.Be2* Queen'S Gambit-6.e3 0-0 7. ♕c2 dc4 Survey 2022*)* 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bb2 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Na4 Bxb2 21.Nxb2 Qe7 22.Rc1 c6 23.Nd3 a5 24.bxa5 Rxa5 25.a4 Qe4 26.Qb3 Qd5 27.Qb4 Ne4 ½-½ Olm Milligan,K (2496)-Puccini,J (2553) USA (ch-Internet-rapid) 2020 (1.4);
B) 13.Nh4 exd4 14.exd4 b5 15.Ba2 b4 16.Na4 Qe8 5) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3-7.Qc2 dxc4 8. Bxc4 with 9.O-O]
11.exd4 Nb4 12.Qb1 c6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Re1 Nbd5 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Bxd5

cxd5 17.Qd3 Be6 18.Na4 g6 19.Qb3 b6 20.Ne5 Rc8 21.Nc3 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Rc4 23.Rd1 -0.01/21
[23.Ne2± 0.57/25]
23...Qd7 0.46/23
[23...Qd6= -0.01/21 should be considered.]
24.Rd2 Re8 25.Qd1 f6 26.Re3 Bf7 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Re2 Qd7 29.Qd2 Kg7 30.Re1 Rc8 31.Nd1 Qa4 32.Nc3 Qd7 33.f3 Qd6 34.Kf2 g5 35.f4 gxf4 36.Ne2 Bg6 0.51/23
[36...f3= 0.11/24 37.Kxf3 Bg6]
37.Qxf4 -0.01/22
[37.Rc1!± 0.51/23 Rxc1 38.Qxc1]
37...Qxf4+= 38.Nxf4± Endgame KRB-KRN **38...Be4 39.Ke3 Rc2 40.Re2 Rc1 41.Kd2 Rc4 42.Ke3 Rc1 43.Rf2 f5 44.Ne2 Rd1 45.Nc3** -1.01/26
[45.Nf4= -0.01/23]
45...Rd3+∓ 46.Kf4



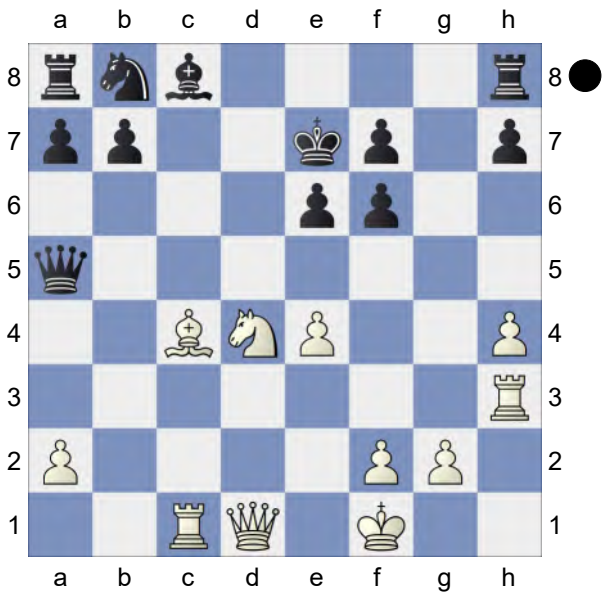
Rxd4 -0.14/23
[Black should play 46...Kf6!∓ -1.09/25 47.Nb5 Rd1]
47.Ke5= Rd3 48.Rc2 Kh6 49.Ne2! d4 50.Rc7!
[50.Nxd4? Rxd4 51.Re2 Rd5+ 52.Kf6 Rd3-+]
50...Rd2 51.Nf4 Rxb2 and ...d3 should not be overlooked **52.Kf6** Black must now prevent g4. **52...Rc2?** #7/18
[52...Rxa2? perishes. 53.g4 fxg4 54.hxg4+-]
[52...Rf2= -0.19/30 53.g3 d3 *(53...Rxa2? 54.g4+-)*]



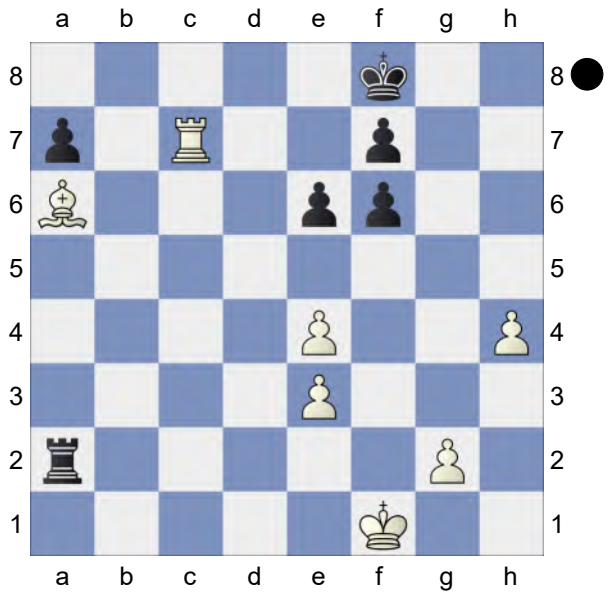
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
53.Rxc2
1-0

96 **D39**
□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
Masters Open 2024 (7.12) 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 gxf6 12.Rc1 Qa5 13.h4 With the idea Rh3. **13...Ke7 14.Rh3**



Hoping for e5! **14...Rd8** 0.66/22
[14...Nc6= 0.14/22]
15.Rd3 0.02/21 White is more active.
[15.Nf5+± 0.66/22 exf5 16.Qh5]
15...Nc6 16.Nxc6+ bxc6 17.Rxd8
[17.e5 looks sharper. Ba6 18.exf6+ Kxf6 19.Qf3+]
17...Qxd8 18.Qh5 e5! is the strong threat.
[18.Qf3 Qd4 19.Kg1 Bd7 20.Bb3 Rc8 21.Rd1 Qc5 22.Qd3 Be8 23.g3 Qe5 24.Bc4 c5 25.f4 Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Rd8 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Rc1 Bc6 29.Bb3 Rd2+ 30.Kg1 Bxe4 31.Rxc5 Rg2+ 32.Kf1 Rxg3 0-1 (42) Sunilduth Lyna,N (2669)-Aronian,L (2736) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (9)]
18...Qd4 19.Qxh7 Rb8 20.Qh5N
[20.Bb3 Ba6+ *(20...a5 21.Kg1 a4 22.Rd1 Qa7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qg8 Bd7 25.Qg5+ Ke8 26.h5* D 39/15 2003*)* 21.Kg1 Bd3 22.Qg7 Bxe4 23.Qg3 Rh8 24.Rc4 Qa1+ 25.Kh2 f5 26.Ra4 Ra8 27.Qc7+ Kf6 28.Qg3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO D3 1998]
20...Rb2 21.Qf3 c5 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3= Endgame. KRB-KRB **23...Bb7 24.Bd3 Rd2 25.Rc3 Rxa2 26.Rxc5** Black must now prevent Rc7+. The position is equal. **26...Kf8 27.Rc7 Ba6 28.Bxa6**



Deflection **28...Rxa6** KR-KR **29.Kf2 Ra2+ 30.Kf3 a5 31.Ra7 a4 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.g4 a3 34.Kg3 Ra1 35.Kg2 Ra2+ 36.Kg3 Ra1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

97 **D38**
□ **Mitrabha,Guha** **2515**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2672**
Julius Baer Play In rapid (6.26) 24.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 Qe8 0.50/20
[7...dxc4= 0.07/20 8.Bxc4 Bd6]
8.Qc2± dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 White has an edge. **10.a3N** A relevant novelty.

Eine relevante Neuerung.
[Predecessor: 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Nxe5 0.01/19 *(11.Ng5!± 0.41/21 Bxc3 12.bxc3)* 11...Nxe5= 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.a3 Bf5 14.Qb3 -0.35/20 *(14.f4!± 0.32/22 Qxc3 15.Bxc3 Bxc2 16.axb4)* 14...Bd6∓ 15.f4 Qe7! 16.Rae1 1-0 Sarana,A (2685)-Bluebaum,M (2642) Chess.com Rapid Wk2 Swiss 2022 (3)]
[10.d5 Ne7 *(10...e4 11.dxc6 exf3 12.gxf3 Qxc6 13.Be2 Bg4 14.e4 Be6 15.0-0-0 Rfd8 16.Kb1 a6 17.Bg5 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qxc3 19.bxc3 h6 20.Bf4 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rc8 22.Be3 Kf8 23.Kb2 Ke7 24.c4 Rd8 25.Rxd8* ½-½ (29) Zakhartsov,V (2467)-Zakaryan,D (2296) Dzhubga Rapid op 2023 (7)*)* 11.Nxe5 Nexd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxe5 14.Qc3 Qxc3+ 15.Nxc3 Rd8 16.f3 c6 17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 b5 19.Bb3 a6 20.Ke2 c5 21.Rd1 Kf8 22.g4 c4 23.g5 cxb3 24.gxf6 gxf6 1-0 (42) Stohl,I (2560)-Keitlinghaus,L (2440) Prague Chip 1992 (11) 25.axb3 Be6 26.b4 a5 27.bxa5 Rxa5 28.Rd8+ Kg7 29.Rb8 Ra1 30.Kf2 Rh1 31.Kg3 Rg1+ 32.Kf2 Rh1 33.Kg2 Re1 34.e4 Bc4 35.b4 f5 36.exf5 Re5 37.f4 Rxf5 38.Kg3 Rf6 39.Nxb5 Rg6+ ½-½ (42) Gagunashvili,M (2553)-Atalik,S (2592) TUR-chT Izmir 2008 (3)]

10...Bd6 0.59/19
[10...exd4= 0.14/22 11.axb4 Nxb4]

11.dxe5 0.01/21
[11.Ng5± 0.59/19]

11...Nxe5= 12.Be2 Bg4 13.Nb5 Bxf3 14.Nxd6 cxd6 15.gxf3 Qe6 16.f4 Rac8 17.Bc3 Ng6 0.73/19
[17...Nc6= 0.05/19]

18.f5!± Qd5 19.Rg1 Ne5 20.Rd1 Qc6 21.Qb3 -0.27/22
[21.f4!± 0.88/22 Ned7 *(21...Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Qxf3 23.Qe2+-)* 22.Qd2]

21...Kh8 0.75/20
[21...Rfe8!= -0.27/22 keeps the balance.]

22.Qb4↑ White has strong initiative. White is more active. **22...Rcd8**
[22...Nd5 23.Bxe5 dxe5 *(23...Nxb4 24.Bxg7+ Kg8 25.Bf6+)* 24.Qe4]

23.Qh4 Qe4? 2.83/25
[23...Rg8± 0.79/19]

24.Qg5 1.27/23
[24.Qxe4+- 2.83/25 has better winning chances. aiming for Bxe5!. Nxe4 25.Bd4]

24...Rg8 25.f3 h6 26.fxe4 hxg5 27.Rxg5 Rge8 28.Rd4 a6 1.69/20
[28...Rc8± 1.22/21 29.Rg2 *(29.Rxd6 Nxe4 30.Rh5+ Kg8∓)* 29...Rc5]

29.Rg1 0.85/21
[29.Kf2+- 1.69/20]

29...b5 30.Kf1 0.43/21
[30.a4± 1.16/22]

30...Nc6!± 31.Rd1 Ne5 Prevents Bf3.

32.Rd4 -0.01/19
[32.Bd3!± 0.42/28 was preferable.]

32...Nc6!= A dynamic duo of knights.

33.Rd1 -0.01/22
[33.e5!± 0.49/22 Nxd4 34.exf6 Nxf5 35.fxg7+ Kg8 36.Rg5 Nxe3+ 37.Kf2]

33...Ne5! 34.Bd3! Nxd3 35.Rxd3 Rxe4 36.Ke2 d5 37.Rd4 Rde8 38.Rxe4 Rxe4± Endgame KRB-KRN

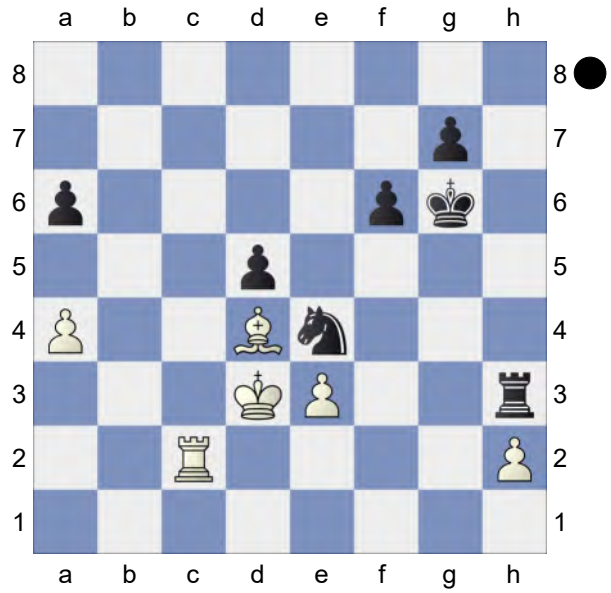
39.Bd4 0.01/24
[39.h3± 0.75/26]

39...Rh4 0.67/25
[39...Ng4= 0.01/24]

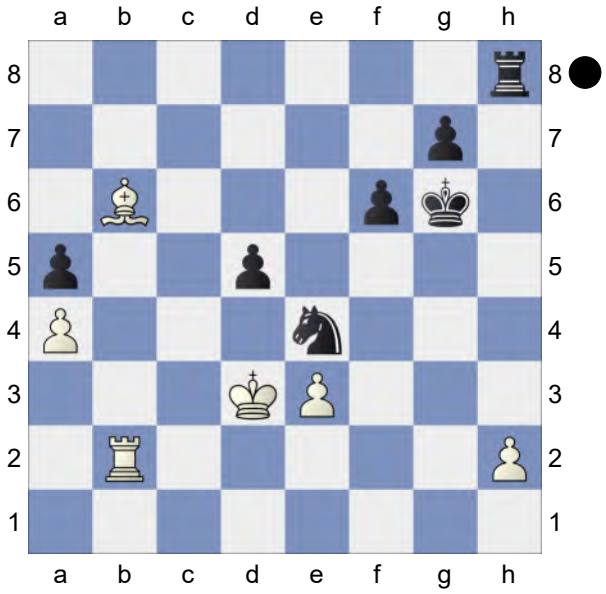
40.Rg2 Rh5! 41.Rf2 -0.58/26
[41.Bxf6 gxf6 42.Rf2 Rh4±]
[41.Kd3!± 0.86/26]

41...Ne4!∓ 42.Rg2 f6! 43.Kd3 Rxf5

44.Rc2? -3.14/23
[44.Kc2!∓ -0.63/23]
44...Rh5? -0.19/23
[44...g5-+ -3.14/23 45.Rg2 Kh7]
45.Bb6 Kh7 46.Kd4 Nd6 47.b3 Inhibits Nc4. **47...Nf5+ 48.Kc3** -0.98/23
[48.Kd3∓ -0.46/25]
48...Rh3 -0.58/24
[48...Rh4∓ -0.98/23 49.Rd2 g5 50.Rxd5 Kg6]
49.Kd3 Kg6 50.a4 bxa4 51.bxa4 Nd6 -0.40/25
[51...Kh5∓ -0.83/25 52.Rc8 Kg4 *(52...Rxh2 53.Rh8+ Nh6 54.Ra8∓)*]
52.Bc5? -2.62/23
[52.Bc7∓ -0.40/25 Nf5 53.Bb6]
52...Ne4? -0.68/24
[52...Nc4-+ -2.62/23 53.Rg2+ Kf7]
53.Bd4? -2.58/24
[53.Bb6!∓ -0.68/24]



53...Rh8? -0.29/22
[53...Rf3!-+ -2.58/24 54.Bb6 Rf1]
54.Rb2? -1.92/25
[54.Bb6= -0.29/22]
54...a5? 0.02/23
[54...Rh4-+ -1.92/25 55.a5 Kf5]
55.Bb6? -1.77/24
[55.Rb5= 0.02/23 and White is okay.]



55...Rc8? -0.15/24
[55...Rb8!-+ -1.77/24 Strongly threatening ...Nc5+. 56.Rb5 Nd6]
56.Rb5 Wards off Nc5+ **56...Rc1** 0.65/26
[Black should try 56...Rc3+∓ -0.38/24 57.Kd4 Rc4+ 58.Kxd5 Rxa4 59.Rxa5 Nc3+ 60.Kc6 Rh4]
57.Rxa5 0.01/26
[Much weaker is 57.Bxa5 Nc5+ 58.Kd2 Rc4=]
[Better is 57.Rxd5± 0.65/26 Nf2+ 58.Kd4]
57...Rd1+ 0.38/26
[57...Rc4= 0.01/26]
58.Kc2± Rd2+ 59.Kb3 Rxh2? 2.20/26
[59...Nd6= 0.10/23]
60.Rxd5+- Kf7 61.a5 Ke6 62.Rd4 Nd6? 7.43/21
[62...Nd2+± 1.57/24 63.Kc3 Nb1+ 64.Kc4 Nd2+ 65.Kb5 Nf3]
63.Bc7 Nb5 64.Bxh2 Nxd4+ 65.exd4 KB-KPP. White mates. **65...Kd5 66.a6 Kc6 67.Kc4 g5 68.d5+ Kb6 69.d6 f5 70.d7 f4 71.d8Q+ Kxa6 72.Qd6+ Kb7 73.Kb5 g4 74.Qd7+ Kb8 75.Kb6 g3** A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.54
76.Qd8#
1-0

98 **E51**
□ **Yu Yangyi** **2714**
■ **Yang,Zilong** **2372**
15th Nat PRC RR Men rapid (7.3) 26.9.25
[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Rc1 Re8 9.Bd3 a6N 0.45/23
[9...c5= -0.03/21]
[9...Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 Bf8 12.Ne2 Qc8 13.Qa4 c5 14.Ng3 Qb7 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qb5 Rac8 17.Rfd1 a6 18.Qf1 Nfe4 19.Be1 g6 20.Ne2 Na4 21.Rb1 Bg7 22.Nfd4 Nac5 23.Nf3 Ne6 24.Ned4 (30) Chapter E50-Games Chapter E50 Game 1 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Rc4 26.b3 Rc7 27.Qd3 Nc5 28.Qd2 Ne4 29.Qd3 Nc5 30.Qd2 Ne4 ½-½ Aronian,L (2767)-Carlsen,M (2863) 146/184 Stavanger 2020]
[9...Bf8 10.Ne5 c5 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.f4 Nc7 14.Be1 Ne4 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh3 Nxc3 17.bxc3 f6 18.Bh4 Bg7 19.Ng4 h5 20.Ne5 g5 21.Bxg5 fxg5 22.Qxh5 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Re7 24.Rf6 1-0 (41) Nikitenko,M (2521)-Aleksandrov,A (2395) Moscow Ivi GP op 2025 (6)]
10.a3 -0.14/23
[10.0-0± 0.45/23]
10...Bd6= 11.b4 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Ne2 -0.34/23
[13.bxc5= 0.02/24 was preferable. Bxc5 14.Qb3]
13...c4∓ 14.Bc2 Bg4 -0.01/23
[14...a5∓ -0.38/23]
15.Nfd4 Nbd7
[15...a5!?]
16.0-0 Ne5 next ...Nd3 is good for Black. **17.f3 Bd7 18.Bc3 Rc8 19.Qd2 Bb8 20.Nf4 Qc7 21.Qf2 Ng6 22.g3 Ne5 23.Kh1 h5 24.Rcd1**
[24.Kg2 looks sharper. Nc6 25.Nf5 Ne5 26.Nd4]
24...Ba7 25.Rd2 -0.44/22
[25.Rfe1= 0.01/25]
25...Re7? 1.53/25
[25...Nc6∓ -0.44/22]
26.Nf5? -0.87/25 White is more active.
[26.g4!± 1.53/25 is necessary to keep the advantage.]
26...Bxf5∓ 27.Bxf5 Rce8 0.01/22
[Black should play 27...Rd8∓ -0.70/23]
28.Nxd5= Nxd5 29.Rxd5 Nd3 Deflection **30.Qg2 Bxe3** 0.40/29
[30...Rxe3 31.Rd7 Qb6 32.Be4 *(32.Bd4 Qxd4 33.Rxd4 Bxd4±)* 32...R3xe4 33.fxe4 Nf2+ 34.Qxf2 Qxf2 35.Rxf2 Bxf2 36.Kg2]
[30...g6= -0.01/27]
31.Be4!± Discovered Attack. A strong pair of Bishops. **31...g6 32.Bxd3 cxd3 33.Rxd3 Qc4 34.Rfd1⇄** White is not keeping still **34...Bb6** 0.43/26
[34...Kh7= -0.01/27]
35.Qd2 Kh7 Hoping for ...Re3. **36.Qg5** Qf6 is the strong threat. **36...Qc6** 1.57/27
[36...Re6!± 0.43/25]
37.Qd5 0.45/26
[37.g4± 1.57/27]
37...Qc8 0.87/30
[37...Rc8± 0.45/26 38.Qxc6 Rxc6]
38.Qd6!± Bd8? 3.03/27
[38...Re6± 0.84/25 39.Qd7 R6e7

40.Qxc8 Rxc8]

39.Qd4+- f6 4.05/24

[⌓39...Rg8 2.78/25 40.g4 Bc7 41.gxh5 Re2]

40.Qc5? -0.01/24

[40.Qxf6 Re1+ 41.Bxe1 Bxf6-+]

[40.g4+- 4.05/24]

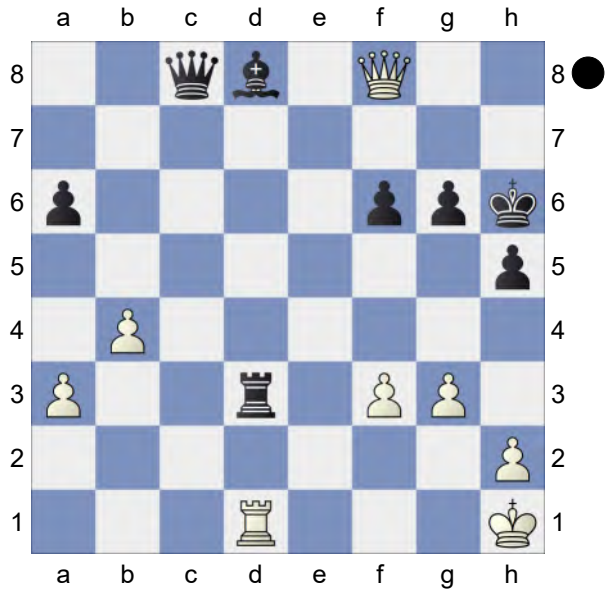
40...Rc7= 41.Qd5 Rxc3 42.Qf7+ Kh6 (-> ...Rxd3) **43.Qxe8** Intending Qh8+ and mate.

[43.Rd7!? Be7□ 44.Rxe7 Rxe7 45.Qxe7=]

43...Rxd3 44.Qf8+

[44.Rxd3? Qc1+ 45.Kg2 Qc2+ 46.Kh1 Qxd3∓]

[44.Qh8+ Kg5 45.h4+ *(45.Rxd3? Qc1+ 46.Kg2 Qc2+ 47.Kh1 Qxd3-+)* 45...Kf5 46.Rxd3 *(46.g4+ hxg4 47.Rxd3 Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qc2+ 49.Kf1 Qxd3+ 50.Ke1 gxf3 51.Qe8 Kf4 52.Qe6 Kg3)* 46...Qc1+ 47.Kh2 Qc2+ 48.Kh3 Qxd3-+]



44...Kh7? 0.01/32

[44...Kg5!-+ -3.49/35 45.Rxd3 Qc1+ 46.Kg2 Qc2+ 47.Kh1 Qxd3 48.Qc5+ f5 49.h4+ Kf6 50.Qf8+ Ke6 51.Qe8+ Be7 52.Qxg6+ Ke5 53.Qxh5 Kd4 *(53...Qxa3 54.Qh8+ Bf6 55.Qb8+ Kd5 56.Qb7+ Kd6 57.Qb6+ Ke7 58.Qc7+ Kf8 59.Qc8+ Ke7 60.Qc5+ Kf7 61.Qd5+ Kg6 62.Qg8+ Kh6 63.Qf8+ Bg7 64.Qxf5∓)*]

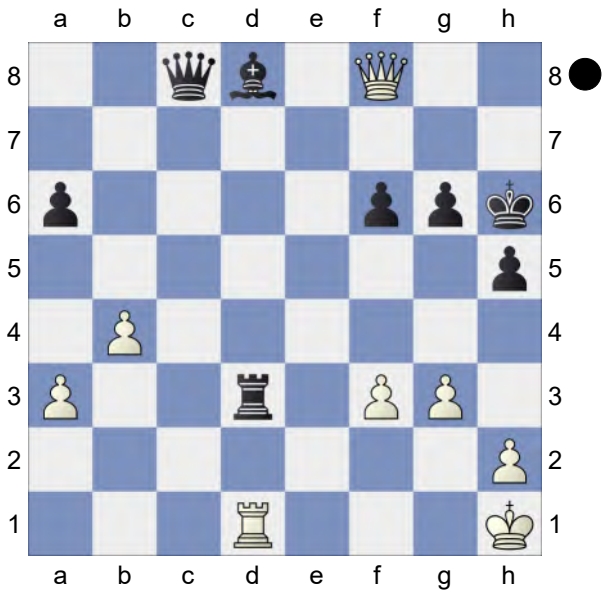
45.Qf7+

[Don't play 45.Rxd3 Qc1+ 46.Kg2 Qc2+ 47.Kh1 Qxd3∓]

[45.Rxd3!? Qc1+□ 46.Kg2 Qc2+ 47.Kh1 Qxd3 48.Qf7+ Kh6 49.Qf8+ Kg5 50.Qc5+ f5 51.h4+ Kf6 52.Qf8+ Ke6 53.Qe8+ Be7 54.Qxg6+ Kd7 55.Qxh5∓]

45...Kh6 46.Qf8+

[46.Rxd3? Qc1+ 47.Kg2 Qc2+ 48.Kh1 Qxd3∓]



46...Kh7? 0.01/33

[46...Kg5!-+ -3.70/33 47.Rxd3 Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qc2+ 49.Kh1 Qxd3 50.Qc5+ f5 51.h4+ Kf6 52.Qf8+ Ke6 53.Qe8+ Be7 54.Qxg6+ Ke5 55.Qxh5 Kd4 *(55...Qxa3 56.Qh8+ Kd6 57.Qb8+ Ke6 58.Qc8+ Kf6 59.Qh8+ Kf7 60.Qh7+ Ke6 61.Qg8+ Kd7 62.Qd5+ Kc7 63.Qc4+ Kd7 64.Qd5+ Kc7 65.Qxf5∓)* 56.Qh8+

Ke3]

47.Qf7+

[47.Rxd3? Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Qc2+ 49.Kh1 Qxd3-+]

47...Kh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.57

48.Qf8+ An unexpected result.

[48.Rxd3? perishes. Qc1+ 49.Kg2 Qc2+ 50.Kh1 Qxd3∓]

½-½

99 **D38**

□ **Akobian,Varuzhan** **2582**

■ **Tang,Andrew** **2523**

US op 123nd Grand Rapids (9) 06.08.23

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

Inf 88/(371) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Bd6 9.h3**

[9.Nb5 Be7 10.0-0 a6 11.Nc3 Bd6 12.Qc2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.f4 Bd6 16.Bd3 Kh8 17.Kh1 b5 18.Ne4 Bf5 19.Nxf6 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qxf6 21.Bc3 Qe6 22.e4 f6 23.b3 ½-½ Radjabov,T (2648)-Kramnik,V (2785) 88/(371) Dortmund 2003]

9...a6 The position is equal.is the legacy move (9...e5). ist old school (9...e5).

[9...e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.e4 h6 12.Rd1 a6 13.Qc2 Ng6 14.Be2 Bd7 15.0-0 Qe7 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.Be3 c6 18.Qb3 cxd5 19.exd5 e4 20.Nd2 b5 21.a3 Bb8 22.Bd4 Nf4 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Ncxe4 0-1 (59) Kosic,D (2428)-Davtyan,A (2293) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (5)]

10.Qc2N b5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.Ne4N -0.43/20

[Vorgänger: 12.a3 e5 13.d5 -0.46/21 *(13.0-0= 0.01/20 Re8 14.d5 Ne7 15.e4 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Be3 Nd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bxd4 Nxe4 20.Bf3 Rc8 21.Rfe1 Nxc3 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Bxc3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qe6 25.Rd1 Rc5* Chapter-Games Chapter 10 Game 1 *)* 13...Ne7∓ 14.e4 c6 15.dxc6 Bxc6 16.Bg5 Ng6 17.Nh4 Nxh4 18.Bxh4 ½-½ Dimic,P (2349)-Radovic,J (2430) SRB-chT Subotica 2019 (3.4)]

[12.a3= 0.01/23]

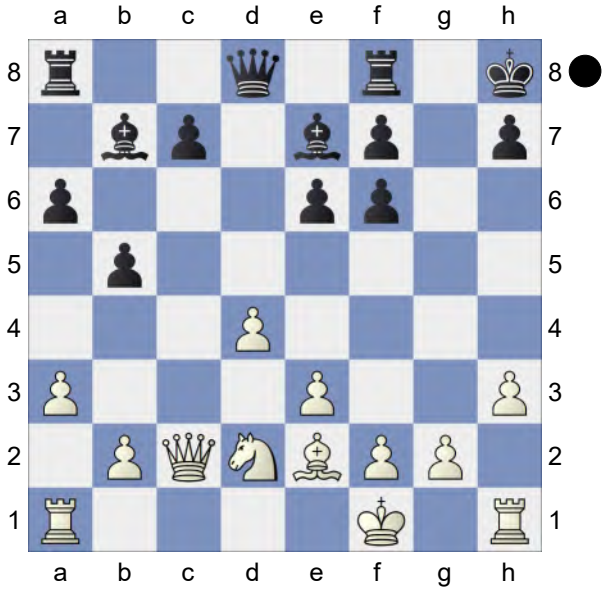
12...Nb4 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Bxb4 -0.32/21

[14.Qb3= 0.07/22 Bd5 15.Qd1]

14...Bxb4+∓ 15.Kf1 Kh8 -0.01/22

[15...Rc8!∓ -0.40/21]

16.a3= Be7 17.Nd2



c5! 18.dxc5

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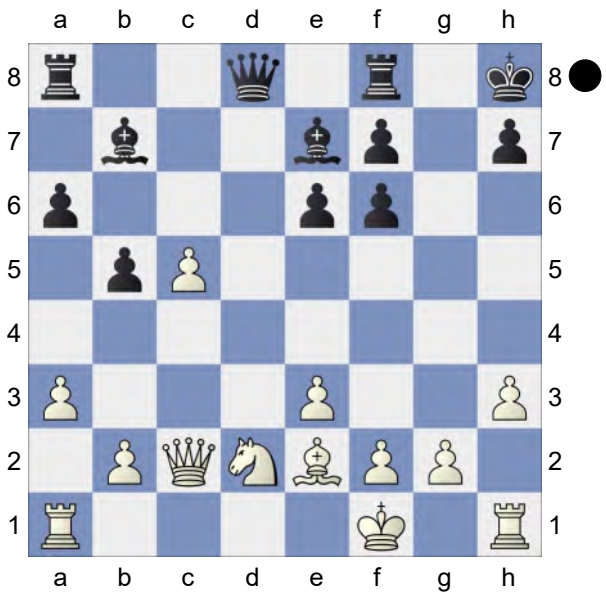


Bxc5! 19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Rc8 21.Qb3 Be7 22.Ke2 Qc7 23.Rhd1 f5 24.Rd2 Bf6 25.Rad1 Qc6 26.g3 Rc7 -0.01/21

[26...Kg7∓ -0.41/22 might be stronger.]

27.Nd4 -0.89/22

[27.Qb4= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. Qc4+ 28.Qxc4 bxc4 29.Rc2]

27...Qg2∓ 28.h4 Be5 -0.01/24

[Black should try 28...Rg8∓ -1.25/21 29.Qb4 Qb7 *(29...Rxg3 30.Nxe6 Qf3+ 31.Kf1=)*]

29.Qb4 Re8 30.Nf3 -0.55/26

[30.Nxb5!= -0.01/24 Rc6 *(30...axb5 31.Qxb5 Bxg3 32.Qxe8+=)* 31.Nd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Bxg3 33.Rd7 *(33.Rxa6? Qxf2+ 34.Kd3 Rd8+* Skewer *35.Kc4 Qe2+ 36.Kb3 Qxd1+-+)* 33...Qxf2+ 34.Kd3]

Black continues to play with concentration. **30...Bxg3∓ 31.Rf1 Rc4** Black is more active. **32.Qb3 Bxh4 33.Ne5?** -3.60/25

[33.Rc2∓ -0.92/23 Qg7 34.Rxc4 bxc4 35.Qb4]

33...Rc7-+ 34.Rc2 -4.45/26

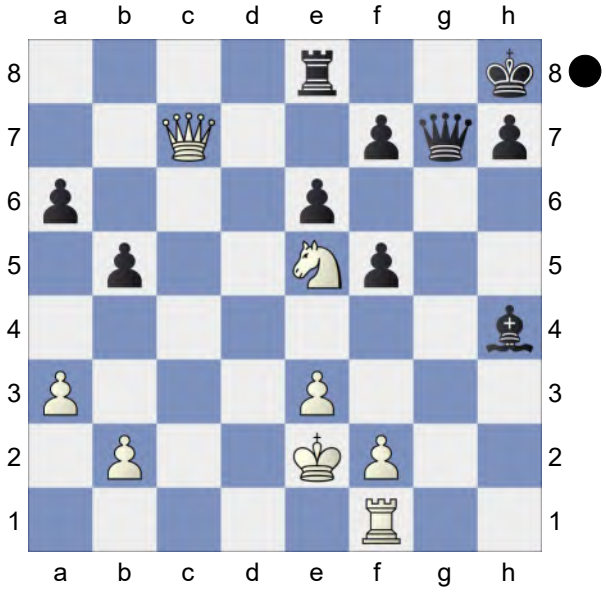
[⌓34.Nf3 -2.95/24 Bf6 35.Rg1]

34...Rxc2+ 35.Qxc2 Qg7 -0.58/25

[35...Bf6-+ -3.43/23 36.Qc7 Bxe5 37.Qxe5+ Kg8 *(37...Qg7 38.Qd4∓)* 38.Qg3+ Qxg3 39.fxg3 Rc8]

36.Qc7 -3.01/23

[36.Qc6!∓ -0.58/25 Rf8 37.Qc5]



36...Rf8? -0.81/22

[36...Bf6!-+ -3.01/23 is more deadly. 37.Qxf7 Qxf7 *(37...Bxe5?* too greedy. *38.Qxe8+ Qg8 39.Qxg8+ Kxg8 40.b3+-)* 38.Nxf7+ Kg7]

37.Nd7 -6.44/24

[37.Qc5∓ -0.81/22 Bg5 38.Rg1]

37...Qxb2+ 38.Kf3

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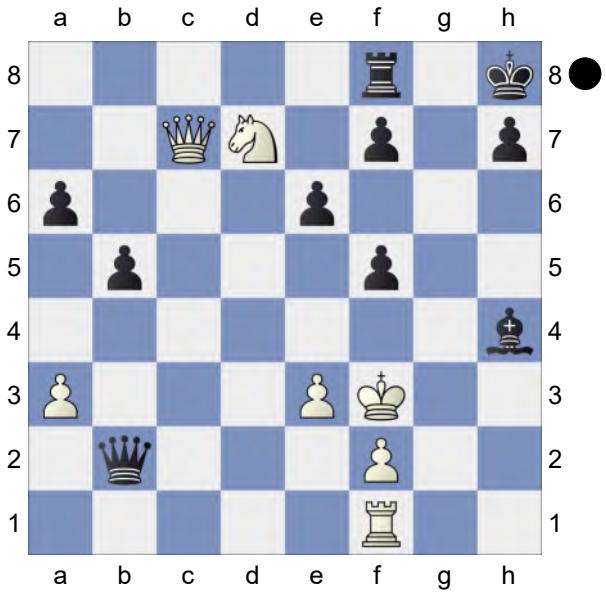
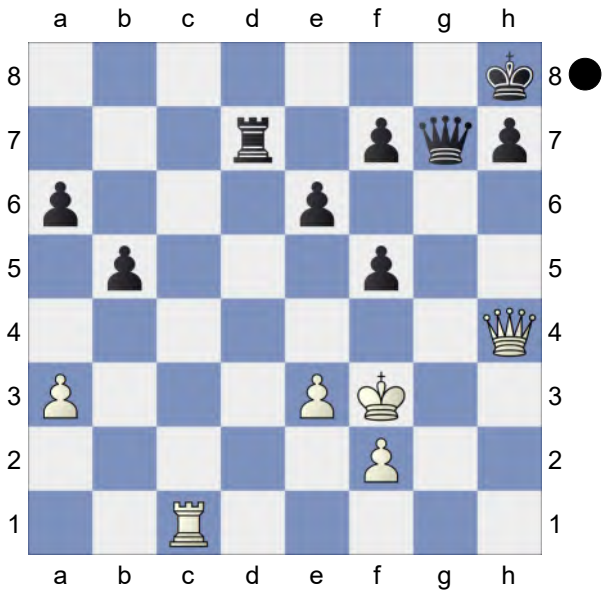


Qg7 39.Qf4 Repels Qg4+
[39.Qe5 Rc8]
39...Rd8 40.Qxh4 Rxd7 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is 3 pawns up. **41.Rc1**



White wants to mate with Rc8+.
41...Qg4+! 42.Qxg4 fxg4+ 43.Kxg4 KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **43...Rd3 44.a4 bxa4 45.Rc4 a3 46.Ra4 Rd2 47.Rxa3 Rxf2 48.Rxa6 Kg7 49.Ra5 h6 50.Kg3 Rf5 51.Ra4 Kg6 52.Ra8 e5 53.Rg8+ Kf6 54.Re8 h5 55.Kg2 Rg5+ 56.Kf3 Kg7 57.Ra8 Rg4 58.Ra5 Kf6 59.Ra8 Kf5 60.Rh8 e4+ 61.Kf2 Rg5 62.Re8 f6 63.Rh8 Kg4 64.Kg2 Ra5** White must now prevent ...Ra2+. **65.Rg8+ Kh4** (-> ...Rg5+)
[Less strong is 65...Rg5 66.Rf8 Kf5+ 67.Kh3∓]
66.Re8 Ra2+ 67.Kf1 f5 68.Rg8 Kh3 69.Rg5 h4 70.Rg8 Kh2 71.Rg6 h3 72.Rg5 Rb2 73.Rg8 Rg2 74.Rf8 Kg3 (-> ...h2) **75.Rxf5 Ra2** Black mates. **76.Rg5+ Kf3 77.Kg1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.37
77...Rg2+
0-1

100 **E51**
□ **Gupta,Abhijeet** **2538**
■ **Gharibyan,Mamikon** **2472**
New Delhi op 21st (7) 11.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 Nbd7 7.Rc1 Be7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 The position is equal. **9...c5N**
[9...a6 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Ng3 Rc8 15.Qe2 Qa5 16.Ne5 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.e4 Bc6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 cxd4 21.Ncd6 Nxe5 22.Nxc8 Qxc8 23.Bxa6 d3 24.Bxd3 1-0 (81) Keymer,V (2590)-Caruana,F (2747) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (6) Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Nc3 26.Qc4 Bxe4 27.Qxc8 Rxc8 28.Rfe1 Bd3 29.Bxc3 bxc3 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.bxc3 Kf8 32.Rd1 Ba6 33.Rd7 Bf6 34.a5 Bxc3 35.Rd6 Be2 36.a6 Bxa6 37.Rxa6 h5 38.Kf1 g6 39.Ke2 1-0 (81) Glaser,G (2590)-Deslandes,P (2747) EU-ch 12th Aix

les Bains 2011 (6)]
10.0-0 b6 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rfd1 a6 13.a4 Bd6 14.Be1!?N New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.
[14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Be1 Qe7 16.Nd4 Rfd8 17.f3 Ncd7 ½-½ Aravindh,C (2662)-Xu,X (2623) La Roda op 50th 2024 (8)]
14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 Qe7 16.f3 Ne5 17.Ba2 Rfd8 18.Bf2 Rac8 19.h3 Bb8 20.f4 Ng6 21.Bc4
[21.Bg3 simplifies Rd7 22.Nf3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Bc4]
21...e5 22.Nf5 Qb4 0.84/23
[22...Qc7= 0.14/25 remains equal.]
23.Be1± Qf8 1.16/23
[23...Qxc4? 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qxc4+-]
[23...exf4 24.Nd5 *(24.Bxa6 Bxa6 25.Qxa6 f3=)* 24...f3 25.gxf3+- *(25.Nxb4 fxe2 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8±)*]
[Black should try 23...Qc5 0.76/22]
24.Bxa6 Bxa6 25.Qxa6 exf4 26.Bf2 0.48/20
[White should try 26.Qxb6± 0.99/20 and Ne2 would now be decisive fxe3 27.Nxe3]
26...h6 27.Qxb6 0.25/21 White has more active pieces.
[27.Rxd8± 0.75/22 Rxd8 *(27...Qxd8 28.e4=)* 28.Qxb6]
27...Rxd1+ 1.55/21
[27...Re8!= 0.25/21]
28.Rxd1 Bc7? 2.44/22
[28...f3± 0.90/22]

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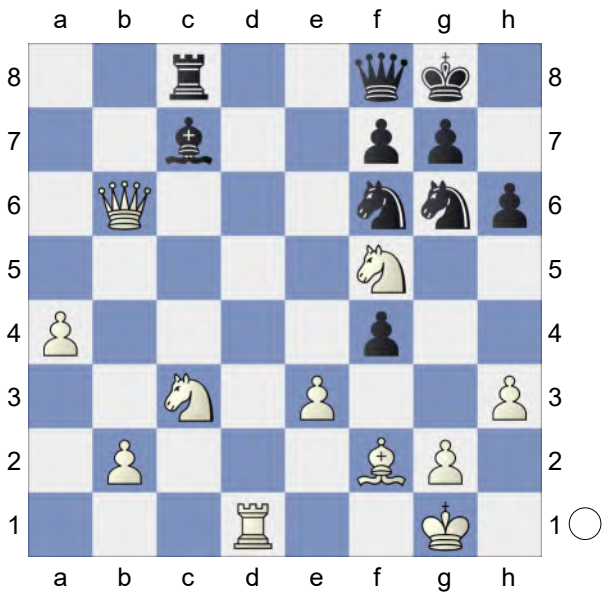
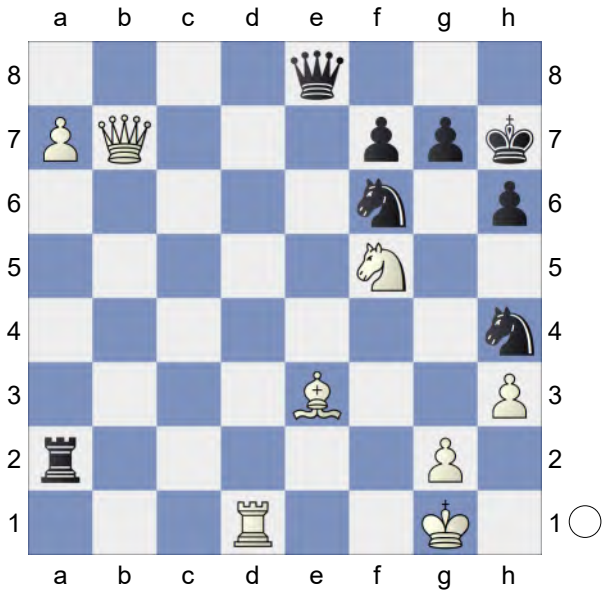


29.Qb7!+- fxe3 30.Bxe3 Be5 31.a5 Rb8 32.Qc6 Rxb2 4.53/22
[32...Rc8 3.15/21 33.Qa4 Bxc3]
33.a6 Bxc3 6.16/23
[⌓33...Bb8 4.28/21 34.a7 Bxa7]
34.Qxc3 Ra2 35.Qc7? 2.67/24
[35.Qc4 6.88/23 Ra5 36.Bb6]
35...Kh7 3.87/25
[35...Rxa6? 36.Rd8+-]
[35...Qb4 2.67/24 36.Qb7 Qa5]
36.a7 Qe8 37.Qb7 Nh4



38.Nxh4 -0.12/22
[Only move: 38.Qb1!+- 3.30/24

Rxg2+ 39.Kf1 Nxf5 40.Kxg2 Qc6+ 41.Kg1]

38...Qxe3+= 39.Kh1 White now steadily converts the win. **39...Ne4?** 3.20/31

[39...Qxa7 40.Qxa7 Rxa7 41.Rd6∓]

[39...Rxa7= -0.21/23 40.Qb1+ Qe4]

40.Qb1

[40.a8B? Nf2+ 41.Kh2 Qe5+ *(41...Nxd1? 42.Qb1+ Kh8 43.Qxa2+-)* 42.Kg1 Nxh3+ 43.Kh1 Nf2+ 44.Kg1 Nxd1-+]

40...Rxa7 aiming for ...g6. **41.Re1** Skewer **41...Rb7 42.Qxe4+ Qxe4 43.Rxe4+-** Endgame KRN-KR **43...g6 44.Nf3 Kg7 45.Kg1 Rc7 46.Rd4 Kf6 47.Kf2 Ra7 48.Ke3 Ke6 49.Rh4 Ra3+** 4.80/28

[49...h5 3.06/27 was necessary. 50.Kf2 Kf6]

50.Kf2 Ra2+ 51.Kg3 h5 52.Rf4 f6 Inhibits Ng5+. **53.Rb4 g5** 6.07/28

[⌓53...Kf7 3.98/24 54.h4 Re2 55.Rb7+ Kf8]

54.h4 Ra3 55.Rb6+ Kf7 56.Kh2 Ra5 57.Rc6 Rd5 58.Kg3 Rd3 6.04/26

[⌓58...Kg7 3.83/25 59.Rc7+ Kg6]

59.Kf2 g4 60.Ne1 Rd5 61.Rc3 Rd2+ 62.Ke3 Ra2 63.Rc5 Ra3+ 64.Nd3 Kg6 65.Rd5 Kh6 66.Ke4 Ra4+ 67.Kf5 Ra6 68.Nf4 Rb6 69.g3 Ra6 70.Rb5 14.20/34

[⌓70.Ne6 31.72/35 Ra1 71.Rd8 *(71.Kxf6 Ra6+-)* 71...Rf1+ 72.Nf4]

70...Rc6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.58

71.Ke4 8.15/23

[⌓71.Rb8 #29/36 Ra6 72.Rh8+ Deflection Kg7 73.Rxh5 *(73.Nxh5+ Kxh8 74.Nxf6 Kg7=)* 73...Ra7 74.Ne6+ *(74.Kxg4 Kg8+-)* 74...Kf7 75.Rh7+ Skewer Ke8 76.Ng7+ Kd8 77.Kg6 *(77.Kxg4 Ra5+-; 77.Kxf6 Ra6+ 78.Kg5 Ke7+-; 77.Ne6+ Ke8+-)*]

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101 **D38**

□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**

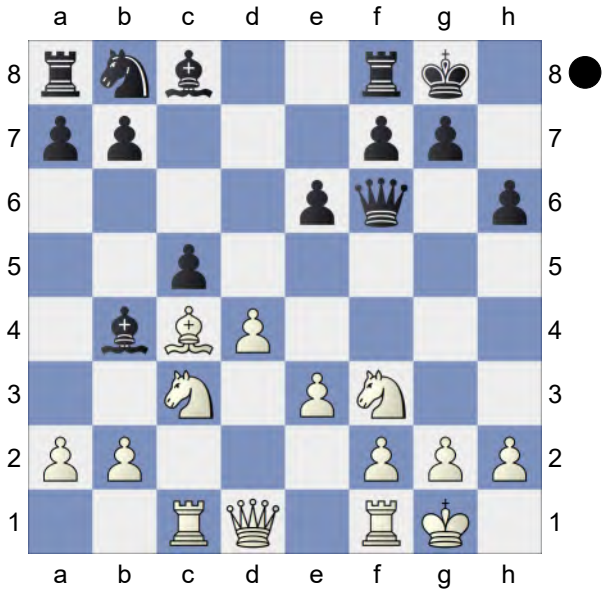
■ **Gan Erdene,Sugar** **2437**

Masters Open 2024 (7.18) 10.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0



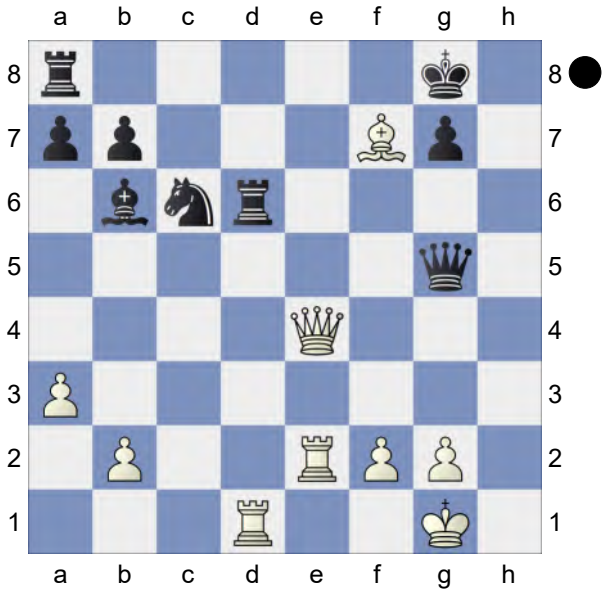
Threatens to win with Ne4. **10...cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5 13.exd4 Rd8 14.Rc2 Bd7**

[14...Nd7 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.Nc5 Bc7 17.Bb5 Rb8 18.Rfc1 Bf4 19.Re1 Bc7 20.g3 Bb6 21.b4 a5 22.Kg2 axb4 23.axb4 Bc7 24.Rb1 Nd5 25.Bd3 Bd6 26.b5 b6 27.Na6 Ra8 28.Ne5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 ½-½ (69) Makhnev,D (2551)-Yilmaz,M (2587) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (11.1)]

15.Re2 Bc6 16.Qc2! Bxe4N 0.17/24

[16...Rc8 -0.25/18 is superior. 17.Qd3 Bc7]
[16...Bd5 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Nc3 Rd6 20.d5 Ziatdinov (2247)-Baracu,N (2357) Slovenija 146/196 2020]
[16...Bb6 17.Rfe1 Kh8 18.Neg5 hxg5 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6 Qxe6 21.Bxe6 Bxf3 22.Qf5 Be4 23.Qxe4 Rxd4 24.Qf3 g4 25.Qf8+ Kh7 26.Bf5+ Kh6 27.Bc2 Rd2 28.Qh8+ Kg5 29.Qxg7+ Kh5 30.Qg6+ Kh4 31.Qh6# 1-0 Giri,A (2764)-Gukesh,D (2725) Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023 (2)]

17.Qxe4 The position is equal. **17...Nc6 18.h4 Bb6 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.d5** Bd3 would now be deadly. **20...exd5 21.Bxd5**
[21.Rxd5 simplifies g6 22.g3 Kf8 23.Kg2]
21...Rd6
[21...g6 simplifies 22.Rdd2 Rd6 23.g4 Rad8]
22.Ng5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Qxg5
[23...Qg6?! 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qf4+±]
24.Bxf7+!

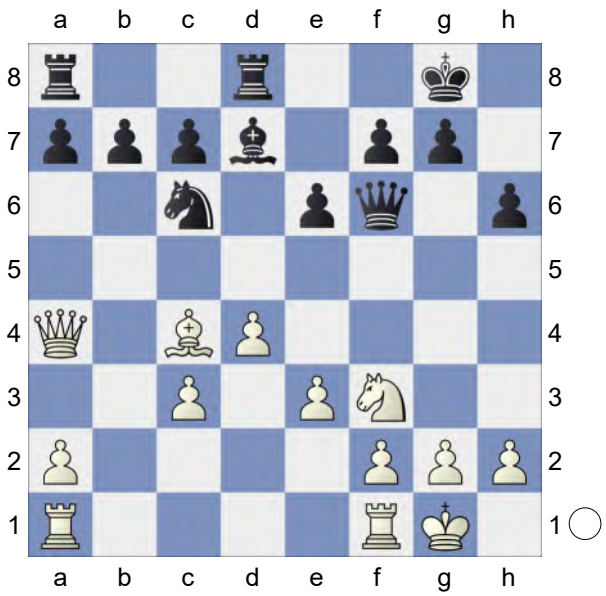


Discovered Attack **24...Kxf7 25.Rxd6 Qc1+ 26.Re1** Chess con chili. **26...Bxf2+!** Decoy **27.Kxf2** White wants to mate with Rd7+. **27...Qc5+**
[27...Qxb2+? too greedy. 28.Kg1 Qb6+ 29.Re3+-]
28.Re3 Qxd6 29.Qc4+ Kf8 Strongly threatening ...Nd4. **30.Rf3+ Ke7** And now ...Rf8 would win. **31.Qf7+ Kd8** Hoping for ...Rc8. **32.Qf8+**
[32.Qxg7 Kc8 33.Qh8+ Nd8 34.Qc3+ Qc7∓]
32...Kd7!
[Avoid the trap 32...Qxf8? 33.Rxf8+ Kd7 34.Rxa8+-]
33.Qxa8 Qd2+ 34.Kg3 Qg5+ 35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Kg3 Qg5+ 37.Kf2
A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

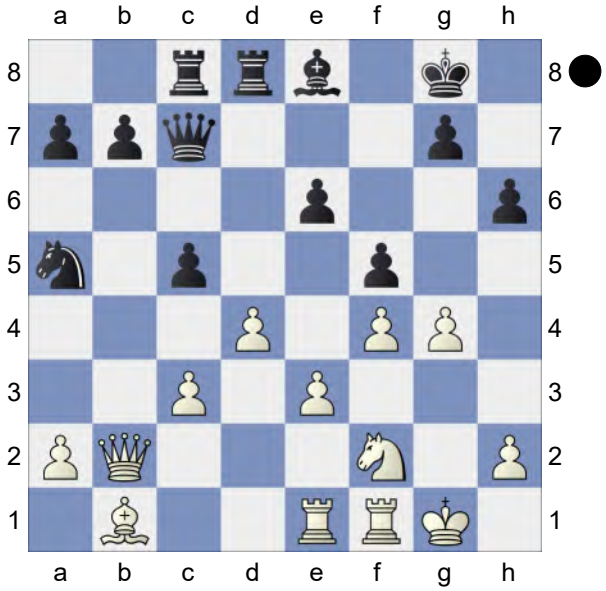
102 **D38**
□ **Tran,Tuan Minh** **2434**
■ **Wang,Yue** **2637**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (6.1) 16.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Rd8!? The position is equal.A promising side line .Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bd7**

(Diagram)



13.Qc2N
[13.Be2
A) 13...Be8 14.Qa3 Qe7 15.Qb2 b6 16.c4 Na5 17.e4 f6 18.e5 *(18.Rfe1 Bg6 19.e5 Be4 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Ne5 c5 22.Rad1 Nc6 23.Bf1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Qf5* Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game 1 *)* 18...Rac8 19.Rad1 c5 20.d5 Bh5 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Ne5 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 exd5 24.cxd5 c4 25.Ng4 Qg6 26.Rd4 b5 27.Ne3 Nb7 28.h4 0-1 (45) Trice,E (2764)-C 06/30 (2765) (m/5) 46/116 1988 (3.4);
B) 13...Rab8 14.Rad1 Be8 15.Qc2 Ne7 16.Qb2 c5 17.Qa3 cxd4 18.cxd4 a6 19.Rc1 Ng6 20.Rc5 Bc6 21.Rfc1 Rd5 22.Rxd5 Bxd5 23.Qd6 Qd8 24.Qxd8+ Rxd8 25.a3 Ne7 26.Nd2 ½-½ 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2675)-IBd7 (2684) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (8)]
13...Na5 14.Bd3 c5 15.Ne5
[15.dxc5 Qe7∓]
15...Be8 16.f4 Threatening f5. **16...Nc6 17.Qb2**
[17.dxc5? Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Bh7+ Kh8-+]
17...Qe7 18.Rae1N
[Vorgänger: 18.Rab1 b6 19.Be4 Rac8 20.Nf3 Na5 21.Ne5 Wards off Nc4 cxd4 22.cxd4 f6 -0.14/27 *(22...Nc4∓* -0.50/24 *23.Nxc4 Rxc4)* 23.Nf3 -0.57/24 *(23.Ng6=* -0.14/27 *Qd6 24.Bd3)* 23...Nc4∓ 24.Qe2 0-1 Ganzhurov,R (2065)-Ponomarev,G (2318) St Petersburg Korchnoi Memorial op 2024 (4)]
18...Rac8 19.Ng4 f5 20.Nf2 Qc7 21.Bb1 -0.50/24
[21.Rc1= -0.09/23]
21...Na5 0.05/23
[Better is 21...Qb6∓ -0.50/24 22.Qa3 Qa5 23.Qxa5 Nxa5]
22.g4 -1.31/26
[22.d5= 0.05/23 remains equal.]

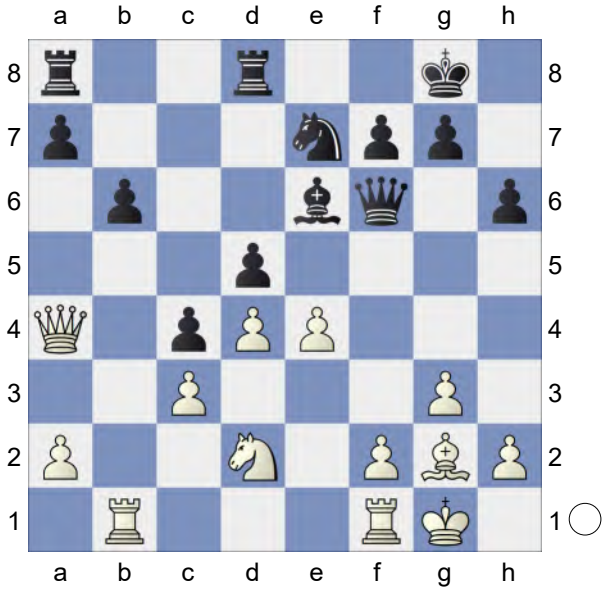


22...Nc4 -0.67/23
[22...cxd4!∓ -1.31/26 23.cxd4 Nc4]
23.Qe2∓ Nd6↑ White is under pressure. Black is more active. **24.Bd3 Qa5 25.Rc1 cxd4 26.exd4 Bf7 27.c4 Ne8 28.gxf5** -0.74/25
[28.Qe5∓ -0.32/25 should be considered. Qxe5 *(28...Qxa2*

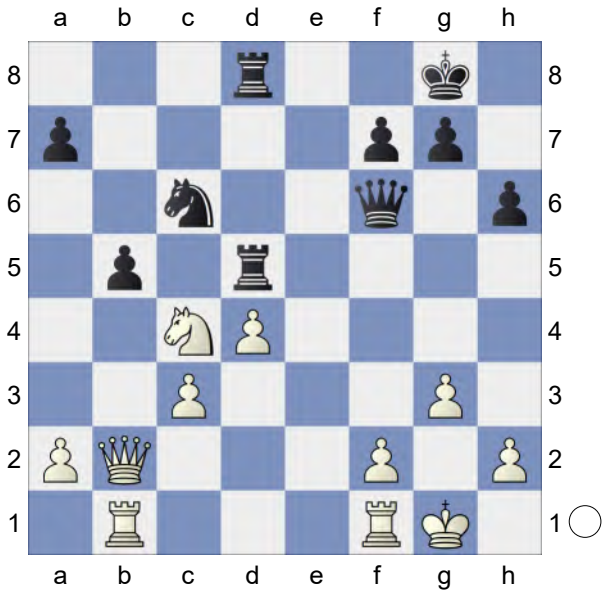
29.Ra1±) 29.dxe5]
28...exf5∓ Now White is beyond hope.
29.d5 -2.04/24
[White should try 29.Qe5!∓ -0.69/24 Qxe5 *(29...Qxa2 30.Qxf5 Nf6 31.Rfd1=)* 30.dxe5]
29...Nd6-+ 30.Qe5 -3.70/24
[30.Qe3 -1.84/23 is a better defense. b6 *(30...Qxa2 31.c5=)* 31.Rc2]
30...Qc5 Hoping for ...Re8.
[30...Qxa2 31.c5 Ne4 32.Bxe4 fxe4 33.d6∓]
31.Qb2 Re8
[And not 31...b5 32.cxb5 Qxd5 33.Qe5=]
32.Kh1? -6.30/24
[32.Rfd1 -3.34/23]
32...Bh5 Black is clearly winning. **33.Nd1 b5 34.Qg2 bxc4 35.Nb2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
35...Qd4
0-1

103 **D38**
□ **Eljanov,P** **2727**
■ **Saric,Ivan** **2661**
16th ch-EUR Indiv 2015 (9.8) 05.03.2015
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c5 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0 c4 10.Bg5 Bxc3N** 0.75/21
[10...Be6= 0.01/20 11.Ne5 Qa5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc1 Kg7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rad8 17.Rd1 Rfe8 18.a3 Bf8 19.h3 h6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb6 23.Ne2 Bxh3 24.Nf4 Bg4 25.Qxc4 Bxd1 ½-½ (43) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Yu,Y (2717) London TechM GCL rapid 2024 (6.3)]
11.bxc3± h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.e4 Be6 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rab1 b6



17.Qa3! Nc6 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Nxc4 aiming for Rxb6.
20...Rad8 21.Qb2 This move loses the game for Black. **21...b5?** 3.71/20
[21...Na5± 1.10/21 22.Ne3 R5d6]



22.Ne3+- b4 4.82/20

[22...R5d7 3.30/20 keeps fighting. 23.Qxb5 Qf3]

23.Nxd5 White is clearly winning.

23...Rxd5 24.Rfd1

[Weaker is 24.cxb4 Nxd4 25.f4 Qe6+-]

24...bxc3 25.Qxc3 Nxd4 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qe3 Prevents Qe4+. **27...Qd6 28.Rbc1 Qd7 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6 31.Rc4 Rh5 32.Rxd4 Qh3+ 33.Kf3 Rf5+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.60

34.Rf4

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104 **D38**

□ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**

■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2578**

Masters Open 2024 (6.17) 09.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Be2 Nbd7** The position is equal. **10.Qb3** Dodges c6 **10...Qe7 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3**

[13.bxc3 b5 14.a4 a6 15.Ra3 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rfa1 Rxa3 19.Qxa3 Qxa3 20.Rxa3 Rc8 21.Ne1 Nb6 22.f3 Nd2 23.Nd3 Na4 24.Nb4 Nb1 25.Ra1 Nbxc3 26.Bf1 c5 27.dxc5 Nxc5 1-0 Ferri,S (2731)-Grube,J (2764) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (3.1)]

13...g5! 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.Qb4

[15.Qc1 h5 16.Nd2 h4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bc7 Nb6 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.f4 f6 21.Qd2 b5 22.Bd3 Rae8 23.Rae1 Kg7 24.Rf2 Kh6 25.Ref1 g4 26.Re1 f5 27.Bxe4 Qxe4 28.Rfe2 h3 29.g3 Rf6 ½-½ Dragun,K (2553)-Duda,J (2732) Speed Chess Poland Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (2.14)]

15...Qe6N 0.40/22

[15...Qxb4= -0.27/24 16.axb4 a6 17.Rfd1 Rae8 18.Nd2 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Nb6 20.Rdc1 Nc8 21.Nb3 Kg7 22.Nc5 Re7 23.Rc3 Rfe8 24.Kf1 Nd6 25.Raa3 Bg6 26.Ke1 Nf5 27.Nb3 ½-½ Burdalev,K (2357)-Simek,P (2323) CZE-chT 2223 Czech Republic 2022 (9.6)]

16.Rac1 -0.12/20

[White should try 16.Bc7± 0.40/22]

16...b5 0.61/23

[16...Nxg3= -0.12/20 17.hxg3 b6]

17.Bc7

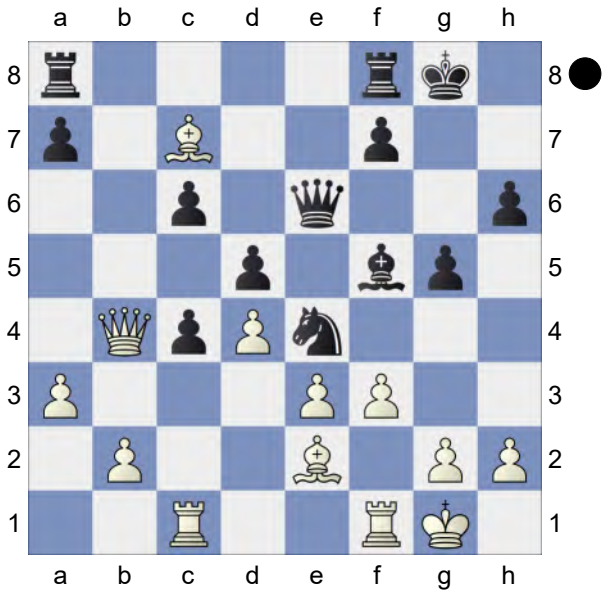
[17.Qa5 simplifies Nxg3 18.hxg3 Rfb8 19.Bd1]

17...Nb6 18.Ne5 White is more active.

18...Nc4 19.Nxc4 -0.01/21

[Better is 19.f3± 0.70/20 a5 20.Bxa5]

19...bxc4= 20.f3⇄



White puts up resistance **20...Ng3** 0.40/23 **21.Bxg3** e4! is the strong threat. **21...Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 Qxe2**

23.Rce1 Qd3 24.Qd6 Be6 25.f4 Black must now prevent fxg5. **25...Qg6 26.Qe5** 0.17/22 Black is weak on the dark squares

[26.fxg5± 0.79/20 Strongly threatening Rf6. hxg5 27.Kg1]

26...gxf4

[26...Bf5 keeps more tension. 27.fxg5 Be4 28.gxh6 Rae8]

27.Rxf4 Rae8 28.Rf6 Bd7 29.Qd6

[Much weaker is 29.Rxg6+ fxg6∓]

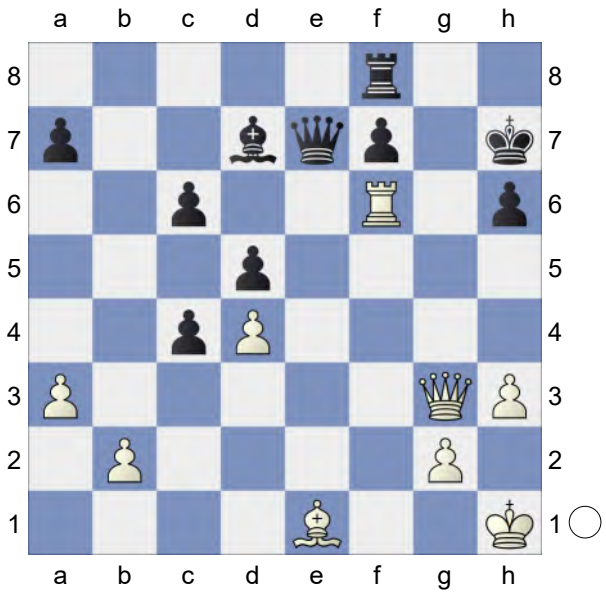
29...Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Qe4 31.Qg3+ Kh7 1.95/20 A mistake that costs the game.

[31...Qg4± 0.72/22 was worth a try.]

32.h3+- Threatens to win with Bd2.

32...Qe7? 4.61/22

[32...Rg8 1.92/18 33.Rxf7+ Kh8]

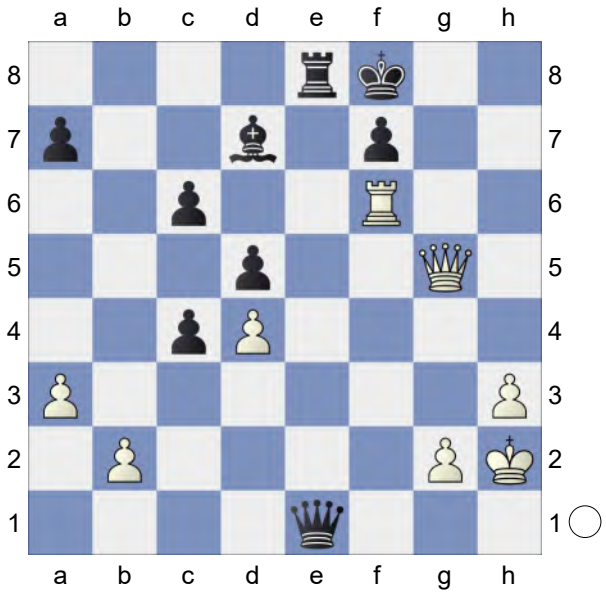


33.Qf4! Qxe1+ 34.Kh2 Kg8 35.Qxh6 Qg5+ would kill now. **35...Re8** #7/26

[35...Qe6+- 4.32/23 36.Rxe6 Bxe6]

36.Qg5+ Kf8

(Diagram)



37.Rh6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.59

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105 **E51**

□ **Koneru,Humpy** **2550**

■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2493**

Asian Games (Women) rapid (3) 25.9.23

[Kitty Kat]

E51: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.a4! is currently scoring better than 8. Bd3. wohl besser als 8.Ld3. **8...b6 9.Ba3N**

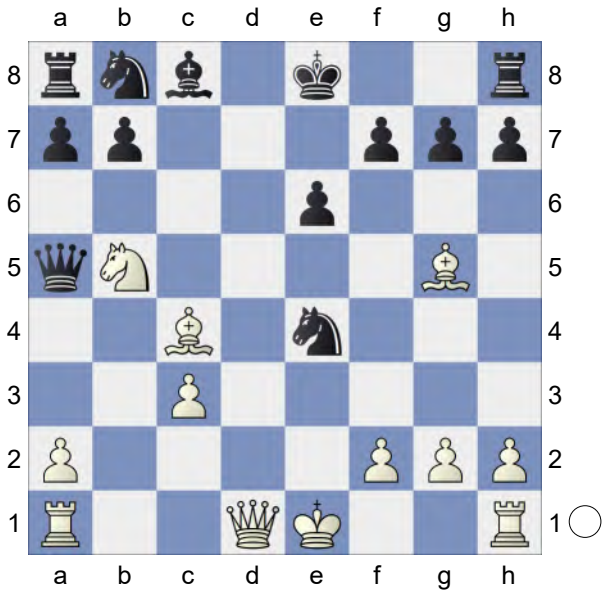
[9.a5 Ba6 10.axb6 axb6 11.Bd3 Qc8 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Nd2 c5 15.Bb2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qc7 17.Nd6 Qxd6 18.Bxa6 Red8 19.Be2 e5 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Qb3 h5 22.h3 cxd4 23.cxd4 exd4 1-0 (32) Carlsen,M (2847)-Grischuk,A (2776) FTX Crypto Cup Prelim rapid 2021 (8) 24.Bxd4 Nc5 25.Qb2 h4 26.Rd1 Qe6 27.Bf3 Ra2 28.Qb1

Ra5 29.Bc3 Ra3 30.Rd8+ Ne8 31.Qb5 Kf8 32.Bc6 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) Chess24 Banter Final 2020 blitz (2.3)]
[9.Be2 Ba6 10.Nd2 Re8 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.a5 c5 13.axb6 axb6 14.Rxa6 Rxa6 15.cxd5 Ra7 16.dxe6 Rxe6 17.Bc4 Re8 18.Qb3 Qe7 19.e4 cxd4 20.cxd4 b5 21.Bd3 b4 22.e5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5 1-0 (31) Lunacek,J (2719)-Pedersen,P (2670) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (17)]

9...Re8 10.cxd5 White is slightly better. **10...cxd5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.0-0 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.c4** -0.01/22
[16.Bb2± 0.50/21]
16...Bg4 0.43/22
[16...dxc4= -0.01/22 is more appropriate. 17.Bxc4 Qe8]
17.f3±
[Vorgänger: 17.Qb3 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Be6 19.Rfd1 Qe8 20.Bb2 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Re6 22.Rac1 h6 23.h3 ½-½ Petrosyan,M (2620)-Parligras,M (2575) Wch Blitz Warsaw 2021 (1)]
17...dxc4 18.Bxc4 This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.e4 Rc6 21.Rc1 Rxc1 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxc1=** Endgame KRB-KRN **23...h5 24.Be7 Rd7** The position is equal. **25.Bxf6 gxf6** KR-KR **26.a5 Kg7**
[Much worse is 26...bxa5?! 27.Ra1±]
27.axb6 axb6 28.Rb1 Rd6 29.h4 Kg6 30.Rb5 Rc6 31.Kf2 Rd6 32.Ke3 Rc6 33.Kf4 Rd6 34.g3 Rc6 35.Rd5 Re6 36.Rd8 Rc6 37.Rd5 Re6 38.g4 hxg4 39.Kxg4 Rc6 40.Rb5 Rd6 41.Kf4 Rc6 42.Rd5 Kg7 43.Rb5 Kg6 44.Rd5 Kg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
45.Rb5
½-½

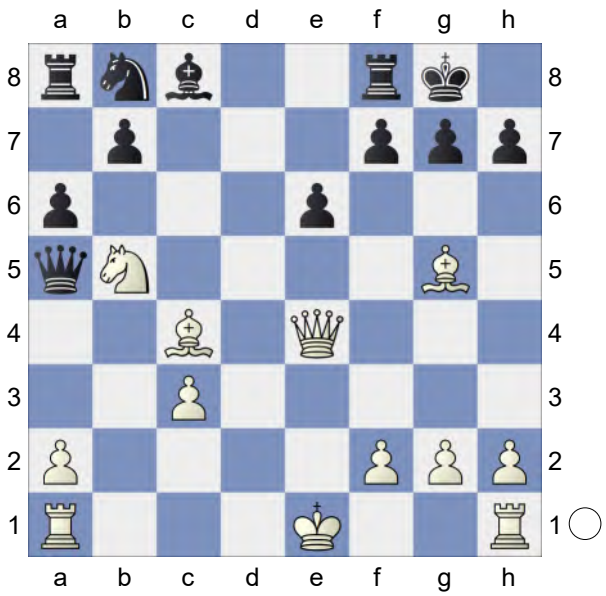
106 **D39**
□ **Gozzoli,Yannick** **2564**
■ **Girel,Joseph** **2462**
FRA-ch 96th Huy L'Alpe d (2.5) 21.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 Lupulescu,Constantin **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Nb5** 10.Bxf6 gains popularity .10.Lxf6 wird beliebter. **10...Nxe4**

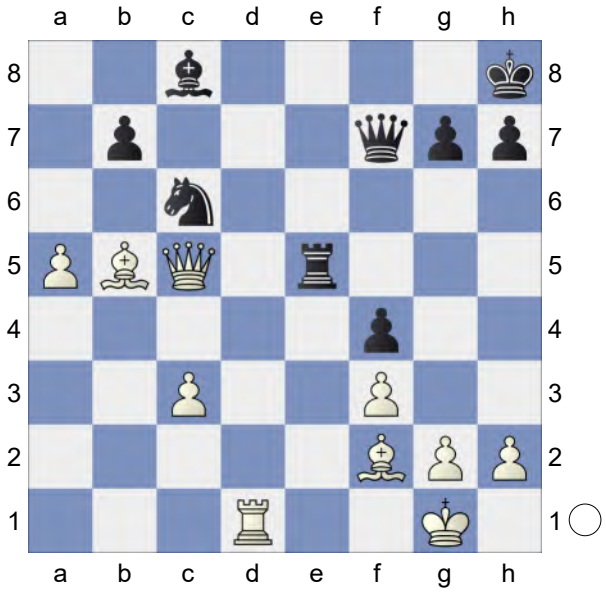


...a6! is the strong threat. **11.Qd4!** 11.Bf4 is vanishing.11.Lf4 scheint zu verschwinden. **11...0-0** Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Qxe4 a6**

(Diagram)



White has an edge. **13.0-0!** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
13...axb5 14.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops. **14...f5 15.Qe2→** White is up to no good. **15...Nc6** Inhibits Be7.
16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bxb5 f4N
[17...Bd7 18.a4 e5 19.Qc4+ Kh8 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Qc5 Rf6 22.f4 e4 23.Be3 Rc8 24.Rd1 h6 25.Rd2 Be6 26.Rd6 Ne7 27.Qxc7 Rxc7 28.Bd4 Rg6 29.Be5 Rc8 30.Rfd1 Nc6 31.Bxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6 ½-½ (57) Gozzoli,Y (2564)-Girel,J (2462) FRA-ch 96th Huy L'Alpe d 2023 (2.3)]
18.f3 Bd7N
[Vorgänger: 18...e5 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.a4 Kh8 0.67/24 *(20...Rad8= 0.29/20)* 21.Rad1± Rae8 22.Bc1 e4 23.fxe4 Rf1 is the strong threat. Ne5 24.Bxd7 Nxd7 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2875)-Anand,V (2767) Norway Chess 7th 2019 (1)]
19.a4 e5 20.Qc4+ 0.35/22
[20.Be1± 0.76/20]
20...Kh8± 21.Be1 Rae8 0.72/22
[21...Qd6± 0.32/21]
22.Bf2 Be6 1.41/22
[Black should try 22...e4!± 0.39/21]
23.Qc5± Qf7 1.67/23
[23...Rc8± 1.16/21 24.Rad1 Bf5]
24.Rfe1+- Bd7 2.30/21
[24...Rc8± 1.20/20]
25.Rad1 e4? 5.75/24
[25...Ra8 2.39/19 is a better chance. 26.Rd6 Rfc8]
26.Rxe4 White is clearly winning.
26...Bc8 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.a5 Re5

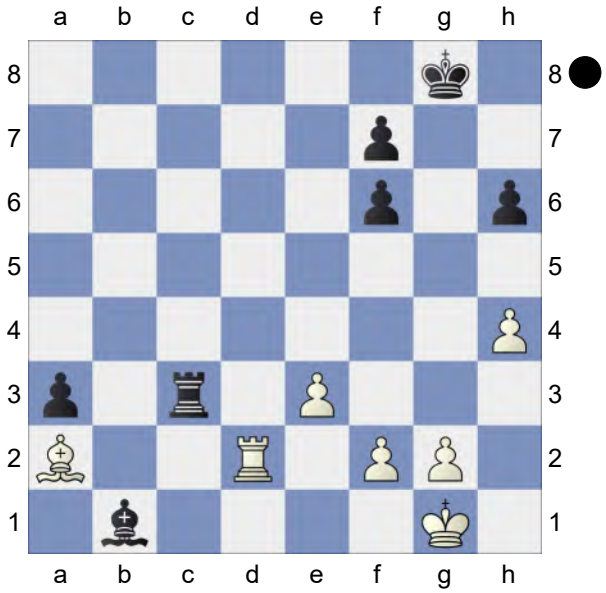


29.Rd8+! Deflection **29...Nxd8 30.Qxe5 Ne6 31.Bc4 Qd7 32.Bd4** Threatening mate with Bxe6. **32...Nxd4 33.Qxd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.64
33...Qe7
1-0

107 **D38**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (2.2) 16.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

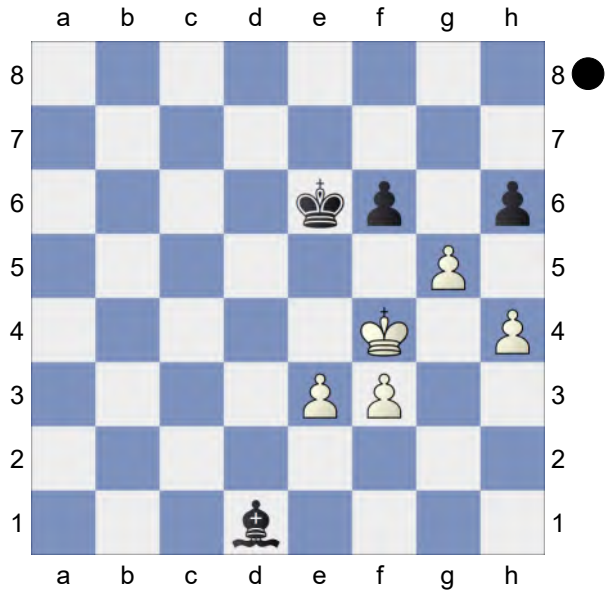
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3**

a5
[5...c5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Be6 10.Nd4 Bxc5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Bd2 Kh8 14.Rad1 a6 15.a3 Rad8 16.Bc1 Ba7 17.Qa2 Ne5 18.Nb1 Ne4 19.Qb3 Qh4 20.f3 Queen's Gambit-5. Qb3 c5 6.cd5 ed5 Survey 2022 Lexikon22 [Ribli, Ftacnik]]
6.cxd5
[6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qc2 f5 14.Rab1 Nd6 15.Nd2 f4 16.Bd3 dxc4 17.Nxc4 f3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Qe7 Winkler,T (2557)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2774) USSR 54/(161) 2013 MAINB [Norfolk News 12 apr 1862] 0-1 (54)]
6...exd5 7.Bg5 c6N
[7...0-0 8.e3 c5 9.dxc5 Be6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 Nbd7 12.Bb5 Nxc5 13.0-0 Rc8 12) 5th Move Alternatives-5.Qb3 a5 6.cxd5 (Alternative)]
8.e3 White has an edge. **8...h6 9.Bh4 Nbd7 10.Bd3 c5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 0-0 13.0-0 Bxc5 14.Rfd1 Bg4 15.Be2 Be6 16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qa6 Qe7**
[17...Rxb2? 18.Na4 Rc2 19.Qd3 Rxe2 20.Qxe2+-]
18.Nd4 0.18/20
[18.Na4± 0.55/18]
18...Bxd4= 19.Rxd4 Rxb2 20.Bf3 Qa3 21.Qd3 Rc8
[21...Bf5 looks sharper. 22.Ra4 Qxa4 23.Nxa4 Bxd3 24.Nxb2 Bf5]
22.Nxd5 Qxd3 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Rxd3 Rxa2 25.Rxa2 Bxa2 Endgame KRB-KRB **26.h4 a4 27.Bd1 Bb1! 28.Rd2** -1.22/25
[⌓28.Rd7 -0.90/25 Bf5 29.Bxa4 Bxd7 30.Bxd7]
28...a3!∓ 29.Bb3 Inhibits a2. **29...Rc3 30.Ba2**

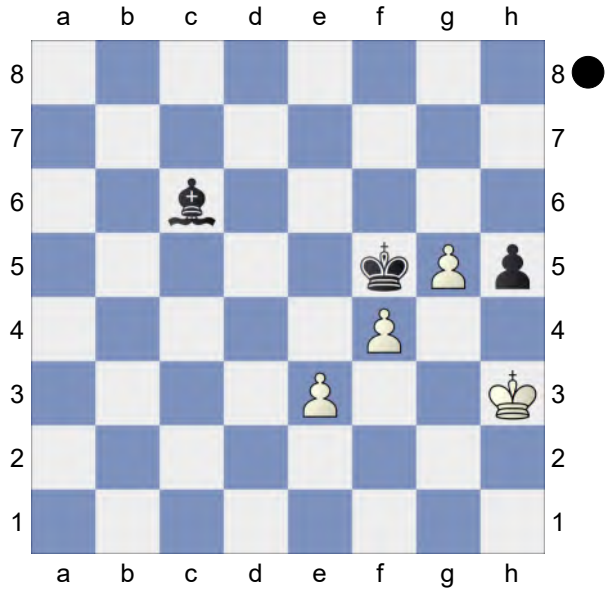


Rd3 Against Rd8+ **31.Re2 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Bd3 33.Bxf7+ Kxf7** KRB-KR **34.Ra2 Be4** Hoping for ...Rd3. **35.Rxa3 Kg6 36.Ra4 Bd5 37.Rg4+ Kf5 38.Rf4+ Ke5 39.Rg4 Rd2 40.Kg3 Rc2 41.Rg7 Rc8 42.Re7+ Kd6 43.Rg7 Ke6 44.f3 Rc2** -0.68/26
[Black should play 44...Rc3∓ -1.05/24 45.Kf4 h5]
45.Kf4 -1.17/24
[45.h5!∓ -0.68/26 might be stronger.]
45...Bc4 46.Rc7 -1.36/23
[⌓46.g4 -0.98/23]
46...Bd3 47.Rxc2 Bxc2 KB-KP **48.g4 Bd1 49.g5?** -10.11/29
[49.e4∓ -1.20/26]

(Diagram)



49...fxg5+!-+ 50.hxg5 KB-K3P **50...h5 51.Kg3 Kf5 52.f4 Bb3 53.Kf3 Bd5+ 54.Kg3 Bc6 55.Kh3**



Be8! 56.Kg3 Ke4 57.Kf2 Bg6 58.Ke2 Bf5 59.Kf2 h4 60.Ke2 Bg4+ -14.08/28
[Weaker is 60...h3 61.Kf2=]
[⌓60...Bg6 -#20/28 61.Kf2 Kf5 62.Kf3 Bh5+ 63.Kf2 Bg6 64.Kf3 Bh5+ 65.Kg2 Kg4 66.Kf1 h3 67.Kf2 Bg6 68.e4 Bxe4 69.Ke3 Bg6 70.f5 Bxf5 71.g6 h2 72.g7 Be6 73.Kd4 Bg8 74.Kc5 h1Q 75.Kb5 Qb7+ 76.Kc5 Kf3 77.Kd6 Qc8 78.Ke7 Qc7+ 79.Ke8 Kg3 80.Kf8 Qf7#]
61.Kf2 Bf5? 0.01/28
[61...Kf5-+ -17.82/28 (→ ...Bh5) 62.Kg2 Kg6]
62.Ke2= Bg4+? 0.01/24
[Not 62...h3 63.Kf2=]
[62...Bg6 -#20/27 mates 63.Kf2 Kf5 64.Kf3 Bh5+ 65.Kg2 Kg4 66.f5 Kxf5 67.Kh2 Kxg5 68.Kg1 Bg6 69.Kf1 h3 70.Kf2 Kg4 71.e4 Kf4 72.e5 Bf7 73.e6 Bxe6 74.Kf1 Kf3 75.Ke1 h2 76.Kd2 h1Q 77.Kc3 Qe1+ 78.Kb2 Qd2+ 79.Kb1 Bg8 80.Ka1 Qc1#]
63.Kf2 Be6 64.g6 Kf5 65.g7 Kg6 -#24/28
[65...Kf6-+ -17.34/30 66.e4 Kxg7]
66.Kf3 Kxg7 KB-KPP **67.e4 Bh3 68.f5 Kh7** -13.41/24
[68...Kf6 69.Kf4∓]
[⌓68...Kh6 -#21/28 69.Kf4 Bf1 70.f6 Kg6 71.e5 Be2 72.Ke3 Bg4 73.Kf2 Be6 74.Ke2 Kf5 75.Kf3 Kg5 76.Kg2 Kg4 77.Kf1 h3 78.Kf2 Kf4 79.Kf1 Kg3 80.f7 Bxf7 81.e6 Bxe6 82.Ke2 h2 83.Ke3 h1Q 84.Kd4 Qc6 85.Ke5 Bf7 86.Kd4 Qc1 87.Kd3 Kf3 88.Kd4 Qe3#]
69.Kf4 Kh6 Black mates. **70.f6 Bd7 71.e5 Be6 72.Kf3 Kg5 73.Kg2 Kg4 74.Kh2 h3** Weighted Error Value: White=0. 30/Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

108 **D38**
□ **Faizrakhmanov,Ramil** **2480**
■ **Afanasiev,Nikita** **2530**
TCh-RUS Premier 2023 (1.1) 01.05.2023
[TA]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
R.Scherbakov: 'Levon Aronian had no

problems equalising against Magnus Carlsen here - this approach has recently helped Black solve his problems in most cases. Mikhail Golubev (www.chesstoday.net): 'Marin,Mihail: 'Scherbakov: 'Levon Aronian had no problems equalising against Magnus Carlsen here - this approach has recently helped Black solve his problems in most cases.'''' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Be2N** In this day and age where so many lines are being exhausted, playing a non-threatening sideline might actually be the best bet at getting your opponent out of his preparation. Objectively of course, the move is not good. It puts no pressure on the Black setup and he has a few routes toward equality.

[8.Bd2!? has been analyzed quite a bit on our site, the most recenr example being

A) 8...h6 9.0-0-0 Bf8 10.a3 a5 11.Rg1 Bd7 12.g4 Nb4 13.axb4 axb4 14.Nb1 Ne4 15.Be1 b3 16.Qd3 c5 17.Ne5 b5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.f3 c4 20.Qe2 Ra1 21.fxe4 Rxb1+ 22.Kxb1 Qa8 23.Bc3 1-0 (36) Duda,J (2731)-Yoo,C (2573) Speed Chess Q2 blitz 2022 (8);

B) 8...Bf8 9.a3 *(9.Rd1 a6 10.a3 h6 11.Bc1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ng4 14.f4 Bc5 15.Qe2 h5 16.g3 c6 17.Bh3 f6 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Ng5 Rf8 22.h3 Rf5 23.hxg4 Rxg5* 1-0 (61) Sevian,S (2654)-Tari,A (2630) FIDE World Cup 2019 (1.1) *)* 9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qd5 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rd1 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxa4 19.Bxb7 Bxd1 20.Bxa8 Bg4 21.Bc6 Rd8 22.f3 Be6 23.Bd4 ½-½ (41) Carlsen,M (2872)-Aronian,L (2809) Wch Candidates 2013 (8);

C) 8...e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Ne4 12.Qc2 Ng4 13.Bd3 Ngxf2 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.0-0-0 Bd7 16.Rd4 c6 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Qe7 19.Rhd1 Bf5 20.Rf4 Be4 21.Rd4 f5 22.h4 c5 23.Rd2 0-1 (36) Prraneeth,V (2461)-Nandhidhaa,P (2339) Masters Open 2024 (3.36);

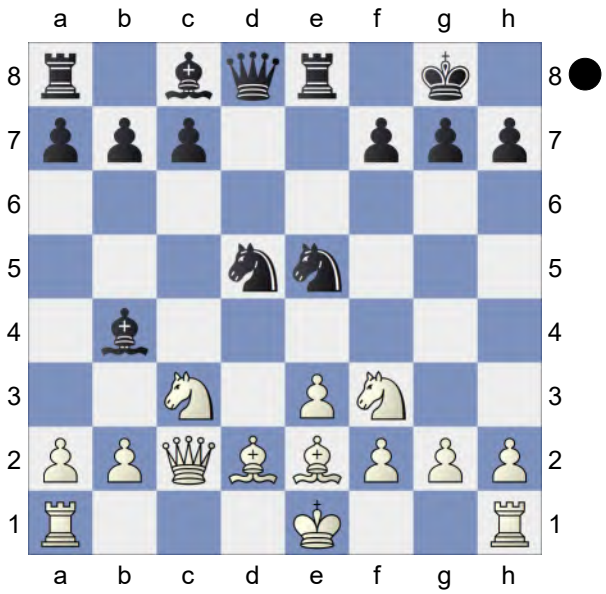
D) 8...a6 9.a3 Bd6 10.h3 Bd7 was Navara -- Mamedyarov, 1/2, 2023, analyzed in an update this February.]

[8.a3 -0.56/23 8.Bd2 0.16 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 -0.49/23 *(9.Qxc3=* -0.01/24 *e5 10.dxe5)* 9...Na5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 c5 was Erdos -- Matlakov, 1/2, 2017, check the archives.]

8...e5! The most forthright counterpunch to claim equality. There are several alternatives however each of which assures Black of a unique strategic dynamic.

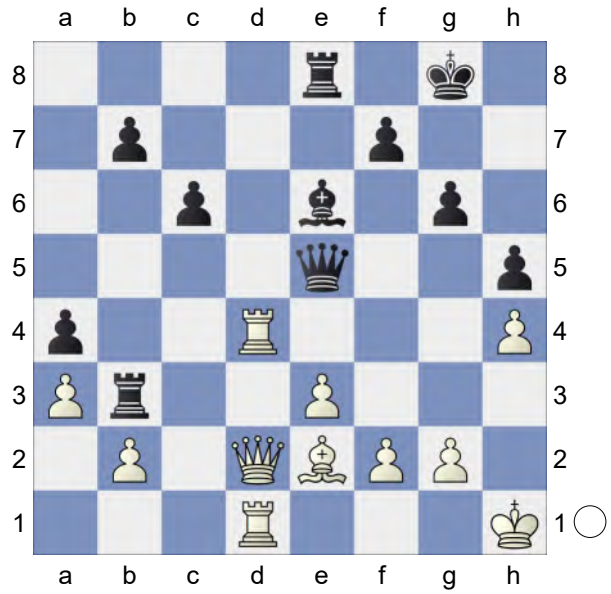
[8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 is fine for Black. White has to play aggressively since Black threatens to trade on d4 inflicting an isolani on his structure. 10.Ng5 *(10.0-0?!* -0.35/21 10.Ng5 0.01 *exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Be6∓* Stockfish claims equality but I think Black is already so much more comfortable it can be claimed Black has a slight advantage. The isolani exists and the c4-bishop has been neutralized.*)* 10...exd4 11.Nxf7 Qe7 Despite appearances White has nothing better to do with the x-ray than perpetual. 12.Ng5+!

Kh8! *(12...Kf8?? 2.65/24* 12...Kh8 -0.01 *13.Qxh7!+-)* 13.Nf7+=]
[8...Na5?! might be interesting for a practical game but it is objectively incorrect and a bit risky. 9.c5 Nc6 10.0-0 Bxc3 0.53/24 *(10...e5=* -0.08/22 *)* 11.Qxc3 Ne4 Inhibits b4. 12.Qc2 a5 In a similar line below this pawn gets to a4 making a difference in the evaluation. 13.b3! This is the point. The pawn is stuck on a5 and will be a prime target of the bishop on d2. Black cannot advance with a4 0.83/21 due to *(13...Nb4±* 0.40/21 *14.Qb2 b6)* 14.bxa4±]
[8...Bxc3+!? This is definitely my favorite of the bunch. 9.Qxc3 *(9.bxc3 Na5 10.cxd5 exd5=* Is just a better version of Erdos -- Matlakov (check above) for Black. The bishop will have to burn another tempo to go to it's best square, d3.*)* 9...Ne4 10.Qb3 *(10.Qc2* -0.31/21 10.Qb3 0.13 *e5! 11.dxe5 Bf5!∞* The computer reads equal but Black's position already looks a bit funner with the piece play.*)* 10...a5! Fighting for control of the light squares on the queenside. Black will advance a5-a4 if he is allowed. *(10...Na5?* 0.71/21 10...a5 0.06 *11.Qc2±* The pressure on c4 is illusory due to the hanging c4 knight.*)* 11.0-0 *(11.a4?! b6* Technically equal but Black's position already looks a bit more comfortable.*)* 11...a4 12.Qc2 Nd6 beckoning the c4-c5 pawn advance when the pressure on d5 will be released. 13.c5 *(13.Bd2 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 a3 16.b3 e5=* The bishop comes out with equal chances. *)* 13...Ne4! 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.b4 Now that White's committed to c5, queenside expansion is standard. b5 poses a challenge axb3 16.axb3 Rxa1! 17.Rxa1 Threatens to win with b4. e5∞ White has the bishops but the knight on e4 is impressive.]
[8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.Ng5 exd4 11.Nxf7 Qe7]
9.dxe5 The position is equal. **9...Nxe5** The pressure on c4 limits his option and forces his hand. **10.cxd5**
[10.Nxe5?! -0.54/21 10.cxd5 0.01 just helps the Black rook lift up and over to the kingside with Rxe5]
10...Nxd5
[10...Qxd5!? Was more fighting but of course there was nothing wrong with the text. 11.Bd2! Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Qc6∞ Both sides have interesting chances.]
11.Bd2



Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Qe7 13.Rd1 a5?!
[13...Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 c6 15.0-0 Be6= when Black has nothing to complain about.]
14.a3 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bxc3+
[15...Qc5 is interesting. 16.0-0 c6 17.axb4 axb4 18.Be4 bxc3]
16.Qxc3 c6 17.0-0 Compared to the above comment, the pawns have been

moved to a3 and a5, making the a2 pawn not hanging after Be6 and further weakening the b6-square. Even so, whether or not this is technically better for White can be debated. **17...Be6 18.Rd2 Qg5 19.Rfd1 h5 20.Kh1 g6 21.h3 a4 22.Rd4 Ra5 23.h4 Qe5 24.Qd2 Rb5** next ...c5 is good for Black. **25.Be2?** -0.62/24 This allows Black to start developing pressure which would eventually lead to White's downfall.
[25.Rc1= -0.15/23 feels stronger.]
25...Rb3!∓



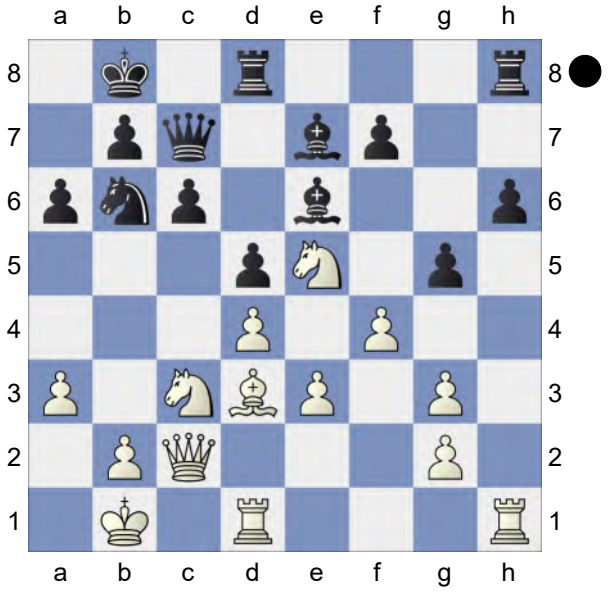
Black is more active. **26.Qc1 c5** -0.14/22
[26...b5∓ -0.57/27]
27.R4d2? -2.38/22
[27.Rd8!= -0.14/22 and White stays safe. Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7 29.Rd2]
27...b5-+ 28.Kg1 Kg7 29.Rc2 b4 -0.76/22
[29...Rc8-+ -1.88/22 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Rc7. 30.Bf3 Kh7]
30.axb4? -4.44/25
[30.Rdd2∓ -0.76/22 is more resistant.]
30...cxb4 31.Qa1 a3 Black is clearly winning. **32.bxa3 Qxa1 33.Rxa1 Rxa3 34.Rcc1 Rc8 35.Rcb1** -6.78/26
[⌓35.Bd1 -4.72/26 Bf5 36.f3]
35...Bf5 36.Rxa3 bxa3
[Inferior is 36...Bxb1 37.Rb3 Rc1+ 38.Kh2=]
37.Ra1 Rc2 38.Bd1 Rb2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.20 (precise)
39.e4 -6.38/31
[⌓39.Rxa3 -4.44/29 Rb1 40.Kh2 Rxd1 41.Ra7 *(41.Kg3? Rd2-+)*]
0-1

109 **D38**
□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto 2564**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
Masters Open 2024 (6.28) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.a3 Be7** White is slightly better. **13.e3 Nb6 14.Bd3 Be6 15.0-0-0 Qc7 16.f4** -0.22/19
[16.Bf5 0.19/19 feels stronger.]
16...0-0-0= 17.Nf3N
[17.Rh5 Kb8 18.Rdh1 c5 19.Nf3 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rxh6 Rc8 23.fxg5 Rxh6 24.gxh6 Qxg3 25.Kb1 Nd7 26.h7 Ne5 27.Rh3 Qg7 28.Bf1 Nf7 29.Rh1 Rh8 30.Ka2 Nh6 *(30...a6 31.Na4 Nd6 32.Bd3 Rc8 33.Qd2 Qc7 34.Qb4 Ka7 35.Rh6 Bh8 36.Rxe6 Nc4 37.Re7 Qc6 38.Bxc4 dxc4 39.Nc5 c3 40.Rxb7+ Ka8 41.Rb6 Qd5+ 42.Nb3 Ka7 43.Rd6 Qb7 44.Qxb7+ Kxb7 45.Na5+*

1-0 Rodshtein,M (2609)-Golod,V (2584) (ch) 104/260 Israel 2008*)* 31.Bd3 Ng4 1-0 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2609)-Guerra,J (2584) BRA-ch 52th Brasilia 1985]

17...Kb8 18.Kb1 a6 19.Ne5



Strongly threatening f5. **19...Bd6 20.Rc1 f6 21.Nf3 Bg4 22.Ka1 Rde8 23.Rhe1 Bxf3 24.gxf3 c5** -0.16/21

[24...h5∓ -0.82/18]

25.Nb5 axb5 26.dxc5 gxf4 27.gxf4

[27.cxb6 Qxc2 28.Rxc2 fxg3 *(28...Rxe3 29.Rxe3 fxe3 30.f4∓)* 29.Bxb5 Rc8∓]

27...Bxf4 28.exf4

[28.cxb6 Qxc2 29.Rxc2 Bxe3 30.Bxb5 Re5∓]

28...Nc4 Hoping for ...Rxe1. **29.Bxc4 Rxe1 30.Rxe1** The position is equal. **30...bxc4** Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.Qf5 Qxc5 32.Qxf6 Rc8 33.Qe5+ Ka7 34.Rd1 c3 35.Qxc3**

[35.Rxd5? perishes. cxb2+ 36.Qxb2 Qxd5-+]

35...Qxc3 36.bxc3 Rxc3 37.Rxd5 Rxf3 38.Ra5+ Kb8 39.f5 b6 40.Rb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

½-½

110 **D43**

□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2748**

■ **Balogh,C** **2608**

14th Corsica KO (3.4) 30.10.2010

[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6

Larsen,B: 'Inf 23/544' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 c6**

[7...0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 20.Bd3 a5 21.Rc1 Kf8 22.b4 ½-½ (50) Kuzubov,Y (2612)-Wojtaszek,R (2693) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.3)]

[7...c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.bxc3 0-0 13.dxc5 Qc6 14.Qd4 Nxc5 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.c4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qa4 18.Rd4 Qxc4 19.Rxc4 Ne6 20.Rac1 Rd6 21.g4 Rad8 22.Kg2 0-1 (60) Grigoriants,S (2557)-Bluebaum,M (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (5)]

8.Bd3 Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3N 0.00/21

[10.Qb3± 0.49/21 deserves consideration. Ba5 11.Rad1]

[10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Ne4 Qd8 12.Rxc4 Be7 13.Bb1 Re8 14.Qd3 Nf8 15.Rd1 Qb6 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Nc5 Rad8 18.b4 Bc8 19.a4 a5 20.bxa5 Qxa5 21.Ne5 Rd5 22.Nb3 Qa6 23.Nd3 Red8 24.h3 b5 1-0 (36) Li,E-Cronhelm,E Berlin it 1865 25.Rxc6

Qxa4 26.Nbc5 Qa8 27.Nb4 R5d6 28.Rc7 Re8 29.Qa2 Qxa2 30.Bxa2 Nd7 31.Nc6 Kf8 32.Rc1 Nb6 33.Na7 Bd7 34.Rb7 Bc8 35.Rb8 Nc4 36.Rxc8 1-0 Larsen,B-Byrne,R 23/544 Geneve 1977]

10...Bd6 0.94/21

[10...Bxc3= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. 11.bxc3 b6]

11.e4± dxc4 1.42/21

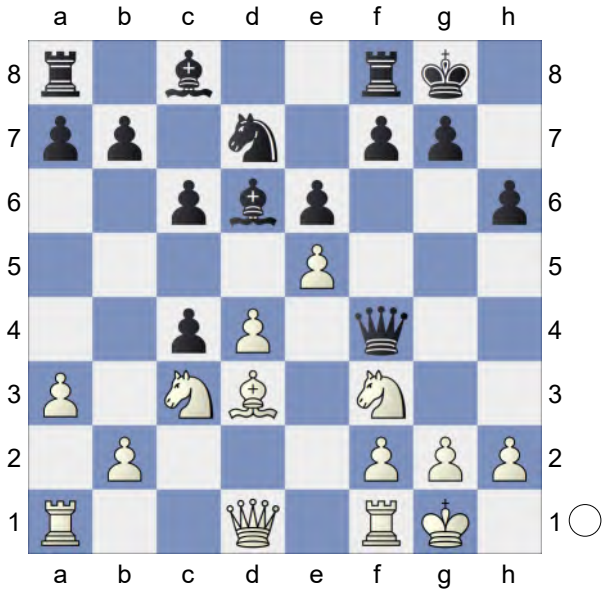
[⌓11...dxe4 0.85/21 12.Nxe4 Qe7]

12.e5 White is clearly better.

[12.Bxc4 e5=]

12...Qf4 4.03/24

[12...Qd8± 1.46/22]



13.Ne2+-

[Less strong is 13.Bxc4 Be7 *(13...Bxe5? 14.g3+-)* 14.Ne2 Qe4±]

13...Qg4 14.h3

[14.Bxc4 Bc7 *(14...Bxe5? 15.h3+-)* 15.Re1 Kh8± *(15...Nxe5? 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.f3±)*]

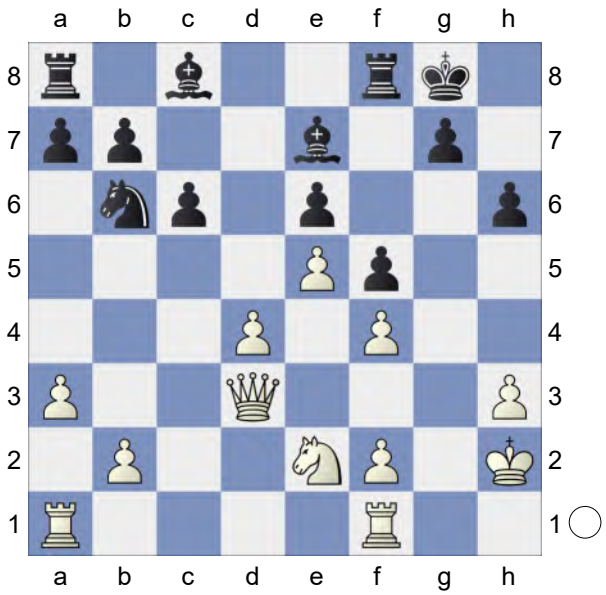
[Stronger than 14.exd6 cxd3 15.Qxd3 Nf6=]

14...Qxf3 15.gxf3 cxd3 16.Qxd3

[16.exd6 dxe2 17.Qxe2 Rd8+-]

16...Be7 17.f4 Nb6 18.Kh2 f5? 6.99/22

[18...Kh8 3.49/21 19.Rg1 Rb8 20.Rxg7 Decoy, Clearance Kxg7 21.Rg1+ Bg5 22.fxg5 h5]



19.Nc3 Bd7 20.Rg1 Rad8 21.Rg6 Rf7 22.Rag1 Bh4 Prevents Qg3. **23.Qf3 Kf8 24.Qg2 Ke7 25.Rxg7 Rdf8 26.Qf3 Be8 27.R1g2 Nc4 28.Qe2 Nb6 29.Qh5 Bxf2 30.Qxh6 Be3 31.Rxf7+ Rxf7 32.Re2 Bxd4 33.Qh4+ Kf8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qh4+?** -0.01/24

[35.Rd2+- 9.65/23]

35...Kd7? 10.08/22

[35...Kf8= -0.01/24 36.Rg2 *(36.Qh8+ Ke7+-)* 36...Nd7]

36.Rd2 White is clearly winning. **36...c5 37.Ne2 Nc4 38.Rd3 Nxb2 39.Rb3 Nd1 40.Rxb7+ Kc6 41.Rxf7 Bxf7 42.Qe7 Bh5 43.Nxd4+ cxd4** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

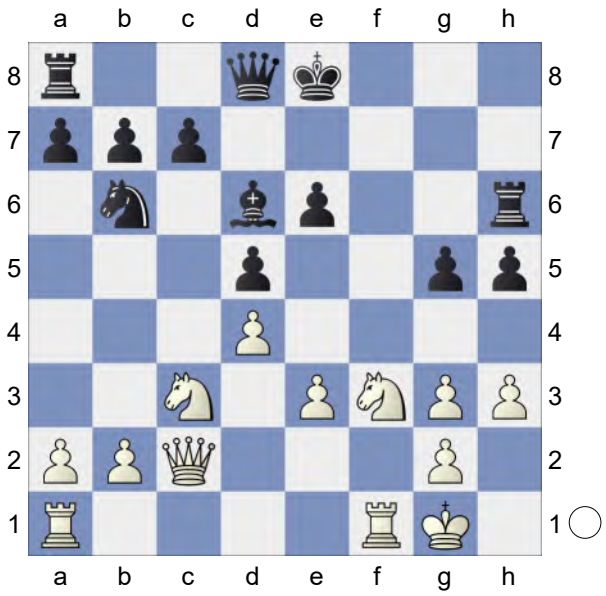
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=1.03

44.Qd6+

1-0

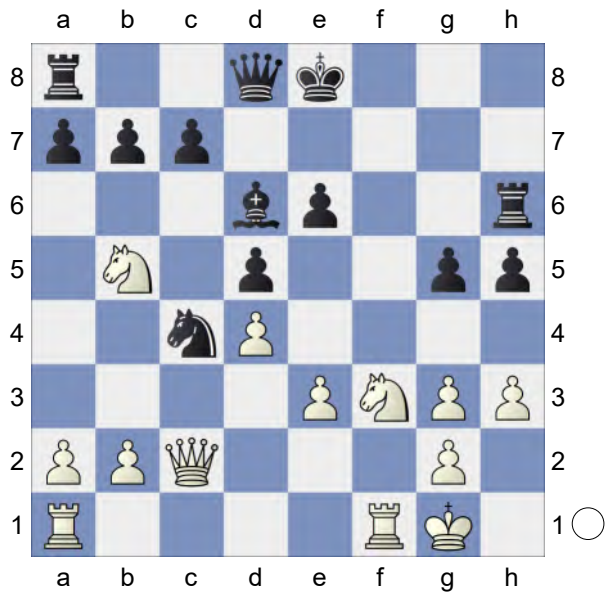
111 **D38**
□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**
■ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.44)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) In this game MVL introduced an interesting opening idea, that brought him a nice edge, which he converted with superb technique. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Qc2 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4** White is slightly better. **10.e3 h5! 11.h3**
[11.h4 Nxg3 12.fxg3 g4 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.Bd3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qd6 16.Kf2 Rh6 17.Rhf1 Be6 18.e4 Rf6+ 19.Kg1 Rxf1+ 20.Nxf1 dxe4 21.Bxe4 0-0-0 22.Kh2 c5 23.Ne3 cxd4 24.cxd4+ Kb8 25.Qf2 Re8 0-1 Faizrakhmanov,R (2457)-Alekseev,E (2563) Astana Zhuldyzdary op-A 2023 (4)]
11...Nxg3N
[11...Qf6 12.Bd3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nh4 Nb6 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Be6 19.Nf5 Kd7 20.Rh4 Rhg8 21.Ke2 Nc8 22.Rf1 Nd6 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.Bf5 Rg5 25.Bxe6 Kxe6 26.Rh7 ½-½ Caruana,F (2805)-Giri,A (2773) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (9) Rf8 27.a4 b6 28.Kd3 c5 29.Rh6+ f6 30.Rh7 Rf5 31.Rf4 c4+ 32.Ke2 Rxf4 33.gxf4 Kf5 34.Rd7 Ke4 35.Re7+ Kf5 36.Rd7 Ke4 37.Re7+ Kf5 38.Rd7 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Grischuk,A (2781) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (9)]
[11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 Nb6 14.Bd3 g4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.0-0 Qe7 17.Ne5 Be6 18.Bf5 Nd7 19.e4 Nxe5 20.exd5 0-0-0 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rae1 exf5 23.Rxe5 Qa3 24.Rfxf5 Kb8 25.Rxh5 Rxh5 26.Rxh5 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Aronian,L (2780) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (1)]
12.fxg3 Nb6 0.63/19
[12...Bd6= 0.10/19]
13.Bd3± Be6 14.0-0 Hoping for Bf5.
14...Bd6 1.45/19
[⌓14...g4 0.84/22 15.Ne5 gxh3]
15.Bf5!± White is more active. **15...Rh6** 2.25/20
[15...Qe7± 1.45/20]
16.Bxe6!+- fxe6



17.Nb5 0.82/19
[17.h4!+- 2.05/22 and White stays clearly on top. gxh4 18.gxh4]
17...Nc4±

(Diagram)



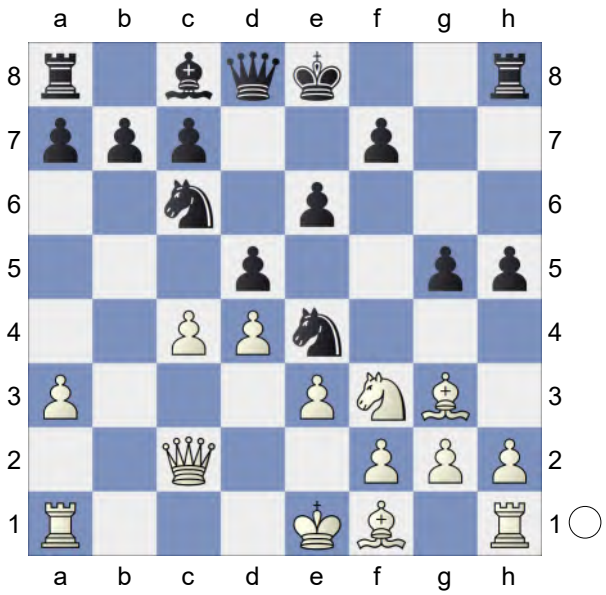
18.Nxd6+ 0.63/19
[18.Rac1!± 1.01/23]
18...Qxd6± 19.Ne5 0.00/23
[Much weaker is 19.Nxg5 Qxg3 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ *(20...Qxg5 21.Qf8+* Skewer *Kd7 22.Rf7+* Skewer*; 20...Qxe3 21.Rae1±)* 21.Rxf2 Rg6=]
[19.Qf2± 0.73/20 aiming for b3! Rf6 20.b3]
19...Nxe5= 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Qa4+ c6 22.Qa3 Rf6 Prevents Qf8+
[Worse is 22...Qxg3 23.Qf8+ Kd7 24.Rf7#]
23.Rxf6 Qxf6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **24.Rf1 Qe7** ...Qxa3 is the strong threat. **25.Qa5** -0.53/20
[25.Qc3= -0.16/22 should be considered. Kd7 26.Qe5]
25...Kd7∓ 26.Rf2 Qh7 0.00/18
[26...Qg7∓ -0.82/19]
27.b4 -0.63/22
[27.e4= 0.00/18]
27...Qe7 0.00/23
[Black should play 27...b6∓ -0.63/22 28.Qa6 Kd6]
28.e4= Rf8 White must now prevent ... Rxf2. **29.Qxa7 Kc7 30.Rxf8 Qxf8** KQ-KQ **31.Qd4** -0.43/20
[31.Qa5+= -0.04/24 was preferrable. Kb8 32.a4]
31...dxe4 0.00/28
[31...Qd6∓ -0.43/20 32.exd5 *(32.Qg7+ Kb6=)* 32...e5]
32.Qxe4 The position is equal. **32...Qf5 33.Qe3 b6 34.Kh2 h4 35.gxh4 gxh4 36.a4 Kb7 37.Qd4 Qg5 38.Qd7+ Kb8 39.Qd6+ Kb7! 40.Qd7+ Kb8 41.Qd6+ Kb7! 42.Qd7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
[42.Qxe6!? Qf4+□ 43.Kh1=]
½-½

112 **D38**
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2598**
■ **Maatman,Nick** **2362**
Vlissingen op 25th (7) 10.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Ne4 Repels Bg5 **8.Bf4** 8.e3 is the modern continuation .8.e3 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **8...Nxc3 9.Qc2 Ne4** The position is equal. **10.e3**
[10.h4 0-0 11.e3 Ne7 12.Bd3 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.dxc5 Qa5+ 15.Kf1 Bf5 16.Nd4 Rac8 17.c6 bxc6 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.g4 Ne7 20.f3 f5 21.h5 Qc3 22.Qxc3 Nxc3 23.g5 Kf7 24.Rc1 Na4 1-0 (45) 9.♘c5 (2613)-Sabel,H (2416) Al-Ain Classic Open A 2013 (3.6)]
10...g5N
[10...Nd6 11.c5 Nc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.0-0 b6 14.Qxc4 Bb7 15.e4 0-0 16.Rad1 Ne7 17.Rfe1 Re8 18.Ne5 c6 19.Qb3 Ba6 20.Bg5 Rc8 21.Re3

bxc5 22.dxc5 Qc7 23.Nc4 Rb8 24.Qc3 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 ½-½ Kroggel,J (2490)-Kiselev,A (2401) 50/260 London 1990 (3)]

11.Bg3 h5



12.cxd5N

[Vorgänger: 12.h4 and Nxg5 would now be decisive Nxg3 13.fxg3 gxh4! 14.Rxh4 Qd6 15.Rf4! Bd7 Threatens to win with ...0-0-0. 16.Kf2 -0.64/20 *(16.c5= 0.23/23 Qf8 17.Bb5)* 16...e5 0.36/24 *(16...dxc4∓ -0.64/20 17.Qxc4 0-0-0)* 17.dxe5± Nxe5 18.Qc3 -0.21/21 0-1 Gunina,V (2471)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2640) Sharjah Masters 5th 2022 (3) *(18.Qb2 0.27/21* is more appropriate. *f6 19.Qxb7)*]

12...exd5 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.h4! Nxg3

[14...Qe7 is interesting. 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.hxg5 Nxg3 17.fxg3 0-0-0]

15.fxg3

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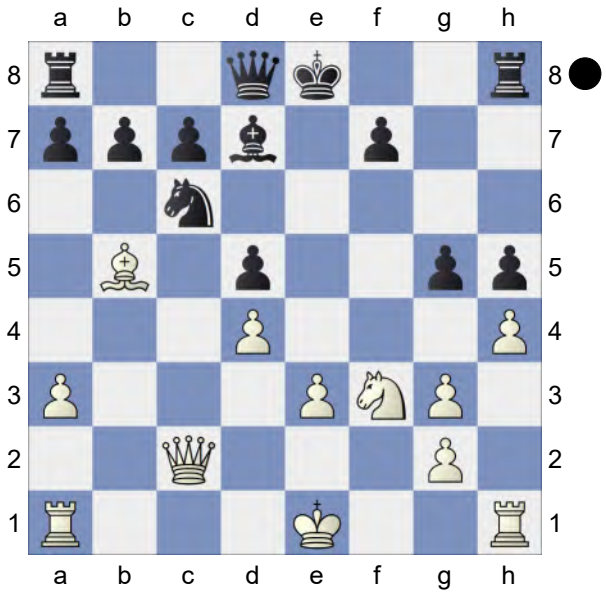

gxh4! 16.Bxc6! Bxc6 White does not recover from this. **17.0-0?** -2.40/22

[17.Ne5= 0.01/22 and White stays safe.]

17...hxg3-+ 18.Qf5 Rf8 19.Ng5 Qd7 20.Nh7 Qxf5 21.Rxf5 Rh8 22.Nf6+ Ke7 23.Raf1 h4 24.R1f4 -4.44/21

[⌓24.Re5+ -3.17/22 Kd6 25.e4 dxe4 26.Nxe4+ Bxe4 27.Rf6+ Kd7 28.Rxf7+ Kc8 29.Rxe4]

24...Raf8 25.e4 -5.51/23

[⌓25.Nxd5+ -3.70/20 Bxd5 26.Rxd5]

25...dxe4 Black is clearly winning. **26.d5 Bd7 27.Rxe4+ Kd8 28.Rff4 h3 29.Rb4 b6 30.a4 hxg2 31.a5** -7.55/23

[⌓31.Kxg2 -4.94/23 Bc8 32.Rf3]

31...Rh2

[31...bxa5 32.Rb3-+]

32.Nxd7 Re8 33.Rbe4 Rxe4

[Not 33...Kxd7 34.Rxf7+ Kd8 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.Rxc7=]

34.Rxe4 Kxd7 Endgame KR-KR. Black is 4 pawns up. **35.d6 Rh7**

[35...bxa5 36.dxc7 Rh6 *(36...Kxc7 37.Re7+ Kd6 38.Re6+ Kd7 39.Re7+ Kc6 40.Re6+ Kc5 41.Re5+ Kd4 42.Rd5+ Ke4 43.Re5+ Kf3 44.Rf5+ Ke3 45.Rxa5=)* 37.Rf4-+]

36.dxc7 bxa5
[36...Kxc7 37.Re7+ Kc6 38.Rxa7∓]
37.Rc4 Kc8 38.Rc5 f6 39.Rxa5 Rxc7
[39...Kxc7? perishes. 40.Rxa7+ Kd6 41.Rxh7+-]
40.Kxg2 Kb7 41.Rb5+ Ka6 42.Rb3 Rg7 43.Rf3 Rg6 44.Rf5 Kb6 45.Rd5 a5 46.Rf5 a4 47.Rf4 Kb5 48.Re4 Rg5 49.Re6 a3 50.Re3 Kb4 51.Re4+ Kb3 52.Re3+ Kb2 53.Re2+ Kc1 54.Re1+ Kd2 55.Re6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.06 (flawless)
55...Ra5
0-1

113 **D38**
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.36) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 e5**
[8...Bf8 9.a3 e5 *(9...h6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.h3 a6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.g4 b5 14.Rg1 b4 15.Nxd5 Bb7 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Be2 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Nxd4 19.Qc4 Nxf3+ 20.Ke2 a5 21.Rgc1 Ne5 22.Qf4 Ba6+ 23.Kd1 Rad8 24.axb4* 0-1 Ponomariov,R (2647)-Antipov,M (2585) Chessable Masters Div 3 Lose Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2.2)*)* 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qd5 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rd1 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxa4 19.Bxb7 Bxd1 20.Bxa8 Bg4 21.Bc6 Rd8 22.f3 Be6 23.Bd4 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) chess24.com (Int.-m/3-rapid) 145/125 2020]
9.dxe5 White has an edge. **9...Nxe5**
10.Nxd5N -0.67/21
[Better is 10.cxd5± 0.31/19 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Bxc3 *(11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxb4 Qxf3 14.Rg1 Bf5 15.Qe2 Qe4 16.Bc3 Bg6 17.Qc4 Qe7 18.h4 b5 19.Qd4 f6 20.h5 Bxh5 21.Qxf6* 12 Chapter-Games Chapter 5 Game*)* 12.Bxc3 Qxd5 13.Rg1 Qxf3 14.Be2 Qc6 15.Qd3 12) Ragozin Defense-Ragozin Defense,O]
10...Bxd2+∓ 11.Qxd2 Ne4 12.Qc2 -1.03/20
[12.Qd1!∓ -0.59/23 was preferrable.]
12...Ng4↑ Black is in control. Black is more active. **13.Bd3 Ngxf2**
[13...Nexf2 keeps more tension. 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.0-0 c6]
14.Bxe4 Nxe4
[14...Nxh1 15.0-0-0± *(15.Bxh7+ Kh8±)*]
15.0-0-0 -1.65/21
[15.0-0∓ -1.21/19]
15...Bd7 -1.24/21
[15...Bf5-+ -1.65/21 Strongly threatening ...Ng3! 16.Qe2 Qc8]
16.Rd4 -1.66/22
[16.Rhe1∓ -1.24/21]
16...c6 17.Nc3
[17.Rxe4 cxd5 18.Rd4 *(18.cxd5? Rc8-+* Pin *)* 18...Rxe3∓]

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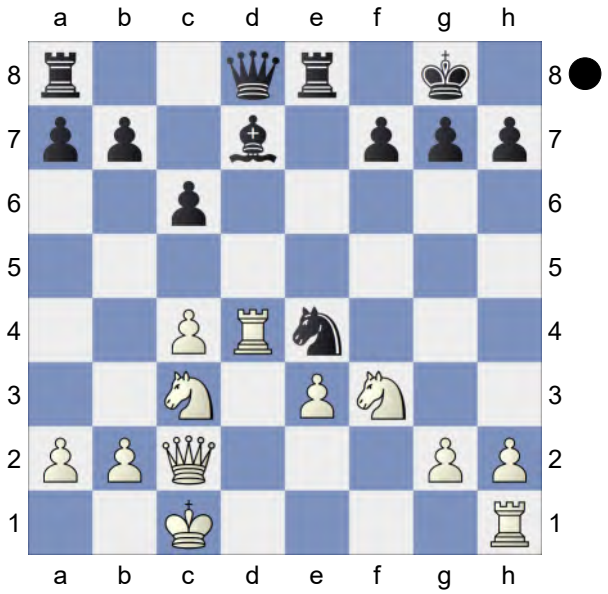
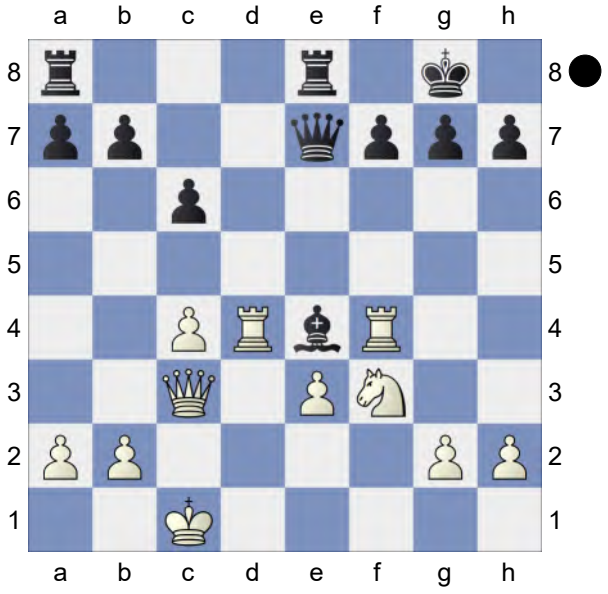


17...Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Qe7 19.Rhd1 Bf5
[19...Qxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Rxe3 21.Rxd7+-]
20.Rf4 Be4
[20...Qxe3+? 21.Qxe3 Rxe3 22.Rxf5+-]
21.Rd4



f5 Hoping for ...c5. **22.h4** -2.59/20
[⌓22.c5 -1.65/17]
22...c5-+ 23.Rd2 Rad8 24.Ng5 Rxd2 25.Qxd2 Rd8 26.Qe1 Bd3 27.g4 h6 28.Nf3 fxg4 29.Rxg4 Qe6 30.Qg1 Rd7
[30...Bxc4 31.Rxg7+ Kh8 32.Rxb7=]
31.Nd2 b5 32.e4 bxc4 33.Rg6 Qe5 34.Qg4 Re7 White must now prevent ... c3. **35.Qc8+?** -5.59/21
[35.Qg3 -3.23/22 was necessary.]
35...Kh7 And now ...c3! would win.
36.Nf3 -#13/21
[36.Rg1-+ -5.08/17]
36...Qf4+ -9.42/18 White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.10 (very precise)
[⌓36...Qxe4 -#13/21 37.Qg4 Qe3+ *(37...Qxg6? 38.Qxg6+ Bxg6 39.Kd2-+)* 38.Nd2 Bxg6 *(38...Qe1+* is a self mate. *39.Qd1 Bxg6 40.h5 Bxh5* Pin *41.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 42.Kc2 Bg6+ 43.Ne4 Rxe4 44.Kc3 h5 45.b4 cxb3 46.axb3 h4 47.Kd3 h3 48.Kc3 h2 49.b4 h1Q 50.bxc5 Qf3+ 51.Kd2 Re2+ 52.Kd1 Qf1#)* 39.h5 Bd3 *(39...Qe1+* leads to mate. *40.Qd1 Bf5 41.Nf3 Qf2 42.Qd2 Qxf3 43.b4 c3 44.bxc5 Qf1+ 45.Qd1 Qf4+ 46.Qd2 Qxd2#)* 40.a4 Rf7 *(40...Qe1+* gets mated. *41.Qd1 Qf2 42.Nf3 Re2 43.Nd2 Re1* Pin *44.a5 Rxd1+* Back Rank *45.Kxd1 Qe2+ 46.Kc1 Qe1#)* 41.Qd1 Rf2 *(41...Rf1 42.Qxf1 Bxf1 43.Kb1 Bd3+ 44.Ka2 Qxd2 45.Ka3 Qb4+* Deflection *46.Ka2 Qxa4#)* 42.a5 Re2 *(42...c3 43.bxc3 c4 44.a6 Rh2 45.Qe2 Rxe2 46.Kb2 Rxd2+ 47.Ka3 Qc5+ 48.Ka4 Bc2#)* 43.Qxe2 Qxe2 44.b3 c3 45.Nb1 Qf1#]
0-1

114 **D38**
□ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
■ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
Masters Open 2024 (8.39) 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
A convincing win by Mamedyarov with the Black pieces. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 a6 9.0-0 Bd6** White is slightly better. **10.Rad1 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5**
[12.Be2 Qe7 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.e4 Bd7 15.Qc2 h6 16.Nf3 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Rad8 18.g3 Neg4 19.h3 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Bxh3 21.Kg1 Bxg3 22.Bf1 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 Bg4 24.Bg2 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Qd6 26.Re2 Qg3+ 0-1 (35) Nakamura,H (2784)-Mamedyarov,S (2753) 118/134 Moscow 2013]
12...Bxe5 13.Be2N
[13.f4 Bd6 14.h3 b5 15.Bxb5 Bxh3 16.Bc6 Bg4 17.Bxa8 Bxd1 18.Nxd1 Qxa8 5) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3-7.Bd2 with 9.O-O #5]
[13.Qc2 b5 14.f4 Bd6 15.Be2 Bb7 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qe7 18.e4 Rad8 5) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3-7.Bd2 with 9.O-O #6]
13...Qe7 14.Qh4 Re8 15.Na4 Bd6
[15...b5 looks sharper. 16.Bb4 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Ng4+]
16.Bf3 Rb8 17.Bc3 Bf5 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rc1 Re5 21.Rfd1 Ra5 22.Nc3 Be5 23.a3 Be6 24.Be2 f5 25.f4 Bf6 26.Kf2 b5 0.66/23
[26...c6= -0.04/23]
27.Nd5!± Bxb2 28.Ne7+! Kf8

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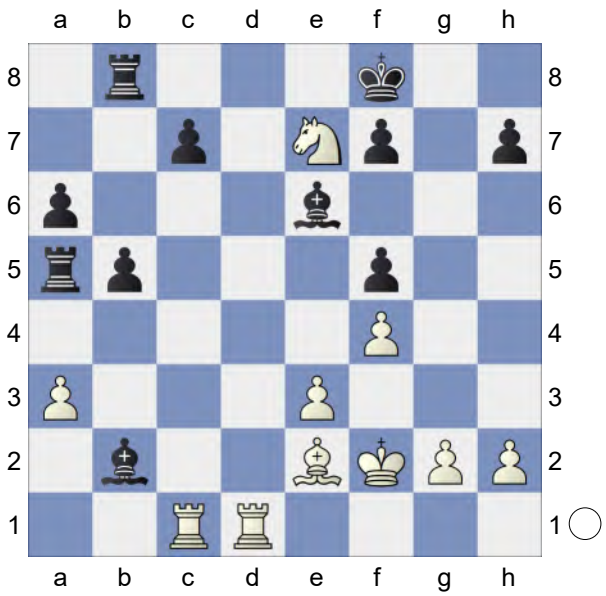
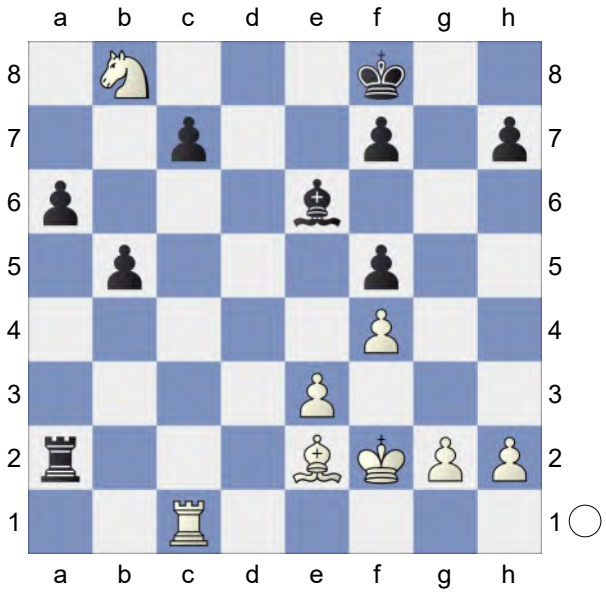


29.Nc6! White is more active. **29...Bxc1**
[29...Rxa3 30.Nxb8 Bxc1 31.Rxc1]
30.Rxc1
[30.Nxb8 Bxa3 31.Rd8+ Kg7-+]
30...Rxa3 31.Nxb8 And now Nc6! would win. **31...Ra2**



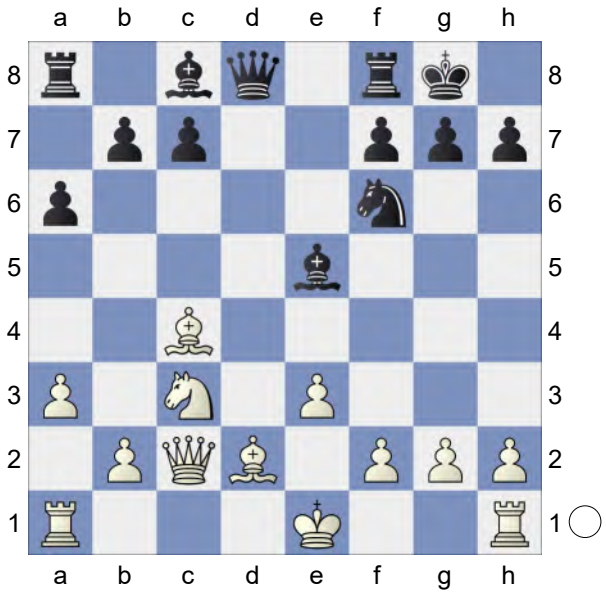
32.Ke1 0.43/20
[32.Rxc7 Bc4 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Nxa6 Rxe2+ 35.Kf3 Rb2∓]
[32.Kf3!± 1.06/22]
32...b4? 3.91/19 This costs Black the game.
[32...a5!± 0.43/20]

33.Nxa6+-
[Stronger than 33.Bxa6 b3=]
33...b3 34.Nxc7 Bd7 35.Nd5 Be6 36.Nc3 Rb2 37.Na4 Ra2 38.Nc5 Bd5 39.Rb1 Bxg2 40.Rxb3
[40.Kf2 h6 41.Nxb3 Be4]
40...Bd5 41.Rd3 Bg2 42.Kf2 Bh3 5.76/19
[⌓42...Bc6 3.69/15 43.Nb3 Be4]
43.Kg3 White is clearly winning.
43...Rxe2 44.Kxh3 Endgame. KRN-KR
44...Kg7 45.Nb3 Kg6 46.Nd4 Ra2 47.Rb3 h5 48.Rb5 Ra3 49.Nxf5
[49.Rxf5 Rxe3+ 50.Kg2 Re4 51.Rg5+ Kf6+-]
49...Ra2 50.Nh4+ Kh6 51.Rg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

115 **D38**
□ **Villamayor,Buenaventura** **2392**
■ **Lupulescu,Constantin** **2606**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.1) 25.09.18
[TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **8.Bxc4 Bd6 9.Nb5 Be7 10.Nc3 a6 11.a3 Bd6** LiveBook: 4 Games **12.Qc2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5**

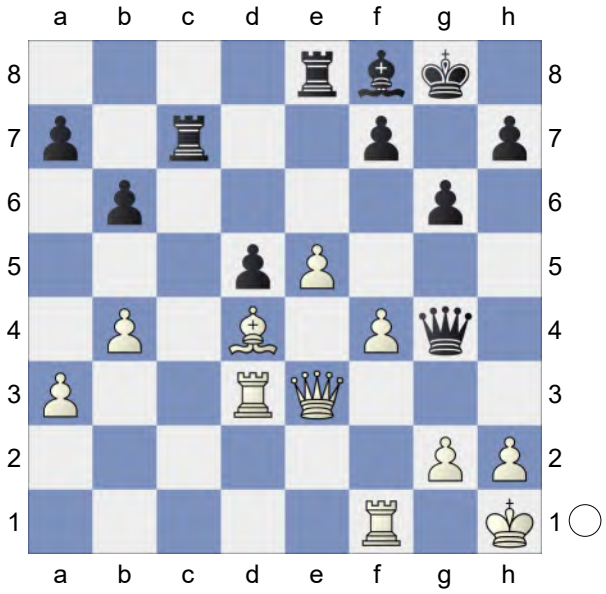
(Diagram)



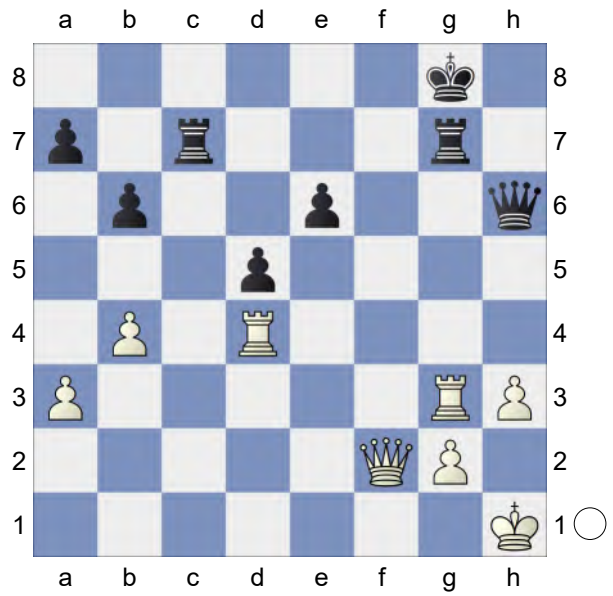
15.0-0-0N
[Predecessor: 15.f4 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Ng4 17.Bd4 1/2-1/2 (30) Tari,A (2588)-Leko,P (2679) Douglas 2017]
15...Qe7 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 a5 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 c6 20.Bf3 b5 21.Qd4 Be6 22.Qd6!
[Don't go for 22.Bxc6? Rfc8-+]
22...Qf6
[22...Qa7 feels hotter. 23.Bxc6 Rac8 24.Kb1 b4 25.Be4 bxa3 26.Qxa3 a4]
23.Qf4↑ White has the initiative.
23...Qxf4 24.exf4 Rfc8 25.Rhe1 Bd5 26.Bxd5 cxd5+⩲ Endgame KRR-KRR
27.Kb1 Rc5 28.Re5
[28.Re7±]
28...Rd8= The position is equal. **29.Rc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kxc1** KR-KR **30...f6 31.Re7 Rc8+! 32.Kd2 Rc4! 33.g3 b4! 34.axb4 Rxb4 35.Kc2 Rc4+ 36.Kd3 Rb4** Precision: White = 53%, Black = 80%.
½-½

116 **D38**
□ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.48) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 Re8 8.a3 Bf8 9.Qc2 e5** White has an edge. **10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.e4** Prevents Bf5 **13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Re8N**
[14...Rc5 15.Bd3 Qh4 16.e5 Be6 17.0-0 a5 18.Be4 c6 19.Rad1 g6 20.f4 a4 21.Rd3 Rc4 22.Rdf3 Bg4 23.Rg3 Be6 24.Qe2 Bh6 25.Be1 Qd8 26.Bc3 Qh4 27.Rgf3 Rd8 28.Kh1 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 ½-½ Urquhart, J (2241)-Stern,T (2126) URS-ch09 Final 1934 Bd5 30.Qe2 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Qe7 32.h3 Qe6 33.Qf2 Qf5 34.Kh2 Bf8 35.Qb6 Rd7 36.Qa7 b5 37.Qb6 Qe4 38.f5 Rd3 39.Rxd3 Qxd3 40.Qxc6 Qxf5 41.Qxb5 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2241)-Schuster,U (2126) corr 53. DFM/F-S 2022]
15.Bd3 Qg5 0.76/22
[15...Qh4= 0.20/22 keeps the balance.]
16.0-0± Be6 17.e5 Repels Bd6 **17...Qh4 18.Be4 c6 19.f4 Rad8 20.Kh1 Bd5 21.Rf3 g6** 1.00/20
[21...h6± 0.63/24]
22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Qd2 0.63/23
[White should play 23.Bd4± 1.02/21]
23...b6 24.Rd3 Rd7 25.Rf1
[25.Rxd5?! Rxd5 26.Qxd5 Qxf4=]
25...Red8 26.Bd4! Re8 27.b4 0.75/23
[⌓27.h3 1.18/22]
27...Rc7 28.Qe3 0.36/22
[28.Qd1± 0.75/22]
28...Qg4±



29.f5 0.00/24 **Qe4 30.Qd2 Rec8!** Strongly threatening ...Rc2. **31.e6** Deflection **31...fxe6 32.fxg6! Bg7** 0.85/22
[32...hxg6= -0.25/26 remains equal. 33.Rg3 e5]
33.gxh7+± Kh8! ...e5! would now be deadly. **34.Re1↑** White has some pressure. The board is on fire. **34...Qg4** 1.48/23
[34...Bxd4!± 0.61/21 35.Rxd4 *(35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.g3 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 exd3-+)* 35...Qg6]
35.h3 1.00/20 White is more active.
[⌓35.Bxg7+ 1.48/23 Qxg7 36.Rg3 *(36.Rxe6 Rc2=)*]
35...Qg6 Hoping for ...Rc2! **36.Bxg7+ Rxg7 37.Ree3 Qh6 38.Qf2** Prevents Qf4. **38...Kxh7 39.Rd4** Threatens to win with Rh4. **39...Kg8** 2.52/20
[39...Rc1+± 1.02/23 40.Re1 Rxe1+ 41.Qxe1 Qf6]
40.Rg3? 0.49/24
[White has to play 40.Rf4+- 2.52/20]
40...Rcc7
(Diagram)



41.Rh4 0.28/24 **Qc1+= 42.Kh2 Rcf7** Against Qf6 **43.Qd4 Qc7! 44.Rhg4 Kh7! 45.Qd3+ Kg8 46.Qd4 Kh7! 47.h4** 0.00/33

[Better is 47.Qd3+!± 0.57/26 Kg8 48.Qe2 *(48.Qd4 Kh7=)*]

47...Rxg4 Remove Defender. The position is equal. **48.Qxg4 Rg7! 49.Qh5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Qh5+ Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) **½-½**

117 **D38**
□ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
Masters Open 2024 (1.56) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Inf 100/(316) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.e3 Bf5**

[11...Kf8 12.Bd3 Kg7 13.g4 Nd7 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Bf5 Bxf5 17.gxf5 Nc4 18.Qc2 h5 19.Rfe1 ½-½ Georgiev,V (2538)-Mitkov,N (2552) 100/(316) Chicago 2006]

12.Nb3N

[12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Bd3 Qf6 Queen'S Gambit-8. ♗g3 ♘e4 9. ♘d2 ♘g3 Survey 2022]

[12.Be2 Nd7 13.Bg4 Bxg4 14.Qxg4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Rc1 Qxa2 17.c4 0-0-0 18.Qf5 Kb8 19.c5 Qa6 20.Qxf7 Rhf8 21.Qh5 Nf6 22.Qe2 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 h5 Ozenir,E (2543)-Schmitt,C (2396) (m/2) 87/149 New York 2003]

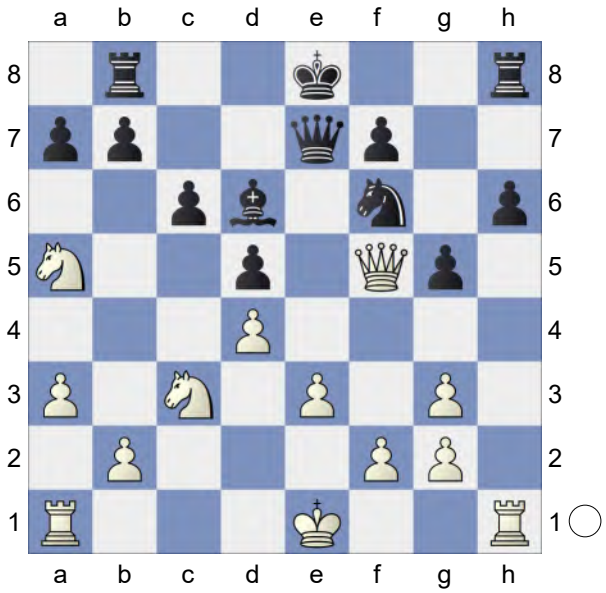
12...Nd7 The position is equal. **13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qe7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Na5** -0.34/20

[16.0-0-0= 0.05/20]

16...Nf6? 1.34/21

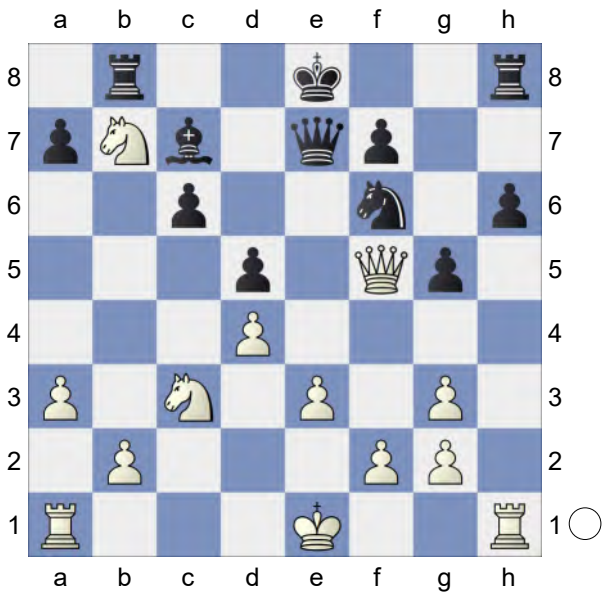
[16...0-0-0!∓ -0.34/20 stays ahead.]

17.Qf5± Rb8

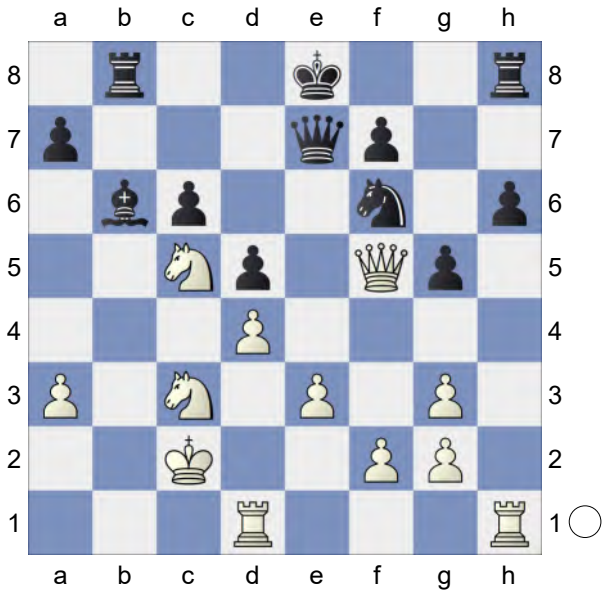


18.Nxb7! Deflection **18...Bc7**

(Diagram)



Prevents b4 **19.Nc5↑** Na6 is the strong threat. White is really pushing. **19...Rxb2 20.0-0-0** 0.70/19
[20.N3a4± 1.56/20 Ba5+ 21.Kf1]
20...Rb8± 21.Kc2 0.40/19
[21.Qxg5!± 1.00/20 Bd6 22.Rxh6 Rxh6 23.Qxh6 Bxc5 24.dxc5]
21...Bb6? 2.59/18
[21...Kf8!± 0.40/19]



This move loses the game for Black. **22.e4!+- Bxc5 23.exd5 Kf8**
[23...Bxa3? 24.Rde1 Nxd5 *(24...Rb2+? 25.Kd3+-)* 25.Nxd5 *(25.Rxe7+ Nxe7 26.Qa5 Bb4+-)* 25...cxd5 26.Rxe7+ Bxe7 27.Re1+- *(27.Qxd5 Rd8+-)*]
24.Rhe1 Deflection
[Not 24.dxc5 Nxd5 25.Rhe1 *(25.Nxd5 Qxc5+* Pin, Double Attack *26.Kd2 Rb2+ 27.Ke1 cxd5∓)* 25...Qc7 *(25...Qxc5? 26.Rxd5* Decoy *cxd5 27.Qe5+-)* 26.Nxd5 cxd5 27.Rxd5 Qb7+-]
24...Qd8 25.dxc5 Active counter play! **25...cxd5 26.Qe5 Rg8 27.Nxd5 Nxd5** 5.43/20
[⌓27...Ng4 3.49/20 28.Qd4 Qa5]
28.Rxd5 White is clearly winning. **28...Qc8** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Rh1 Rg6** Prevents Qd6+ **30.Rb1 Rgb6** 8.15/18
[⌓30...Rxb1 4.71/21 31.Qh8+ Skewer *(31.Kxb1 Rf6+-)* 31...Rg8 32.Qxh6+ Ke8]
31.Rxb6 axb6 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Re5+ Kd7 34.Qf6 Qf8 Dodges Qd6+ **35.c6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

118 **D38**
□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** **2308**
Masters Open 2024 (7.46) 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Bd7 8.cxd5! exd5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 The position is equal. **10...Qxf6 11.e3 0-0 12.Qb3N**
[12.Bd3 Qd6 *(12...Rfd8 13.0-0 b6*

6) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 − 6th Move Al-5.Qa4+ with 6.a3 & 9.Bg5 #1) 13.0-0 b6 14.Qc2 Na5 15.Ne5 Rad8 16.f4 c5 17.Qe2 Nc6 18.Rf3 Qe7 19.Qf2 Be8 20.Rg3 f6 21.Nf3 Qe6 22.Re1 f5 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 cxd4 25.cxd4 Rc8 26.Rf3 Bd7 1-0 (51) Lazavik,D (2578)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup D2 L rapid 2024 (4.1)]

[12.Be2 b6 13.0-0 Rfd8 7) 5.Bg5 h6 − Introduction-7.Qa4+ with 8.e3 & 9. a3 #2]

12...Qd6 13.Bd3 a6 14.0-0 b5 15.Qc2 Na5 16.Ne5 c5 17.f4 -0.15/21

[⌓17.Nxd7 0.30/22 Qxd7 18.dxc5]

17...c4 0.27/21

[⌓17...Be8 -0.15/21]

18.Bh7+= Kh8 19.Rf3 -0.42/23

[19.Bf5= 0.21/19 Be8 20.Qf2]

19...Nb3 20.Ra2 Be8 aiming for ...g6.

21.Bf5 f6⇄ Black has counterplay

22.Ng4 Bh5 23.Rh3 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Threatens to win with Qg6. **24...Qe7 25.Qg6** And now Bf5 would win. **25...Qf7** 0.69/23

[25...Qe8= 0.14/24 26.Qxe8 Raxe8]

26.Qf5 0.06/21 White is more active.

[26.Qxf7!± 0.69/23 Rxf7 27.a4 *(27.Be6 Re7±)*]

26...g6 0.54/22

[26...Rad8= 0.06/21]

27.Qb1!±

[27.Rxh6+? Kg7-+]

27...f5 28.Bd1 Kg7 0.84/20

[28...Kh7± 0.42/21]

29.g4!± fxg4 30.Bxg4 h5 1.73/22

[30...Rad8± 0.87/20 is a better defense.]

31.Bd1+- Qe6 32.Rg2 Hoping for Bxh5!

32...Nd2 2.29/21

[32...Qxh3 33.Qxg6+ Kh8 34.Qh6#]

[32...Rf6± 1.20/22 33.Rf3 *(33.Rxh5? Nd2-+)* 33...h4]

33.Qc2! Rf6 White must now prevent ... Nf1. **34.f5**

[34.Rxh5? Qxe3+ 35.Kh1 Ne4 *(35...Qxf4? 36.Re5-+)* 36.Rxd5 Rxf4-+ *(36...Qxf4? 37.Rd7+ Kf8 38.Qe2-+)*]

34...Rxf5 35.Qxd2 Raf8 36.Be2 Dodges Rf1+

[36.Bxh5? Rf1#]

36...Qe4 37.Qe1 Dodges Qb1

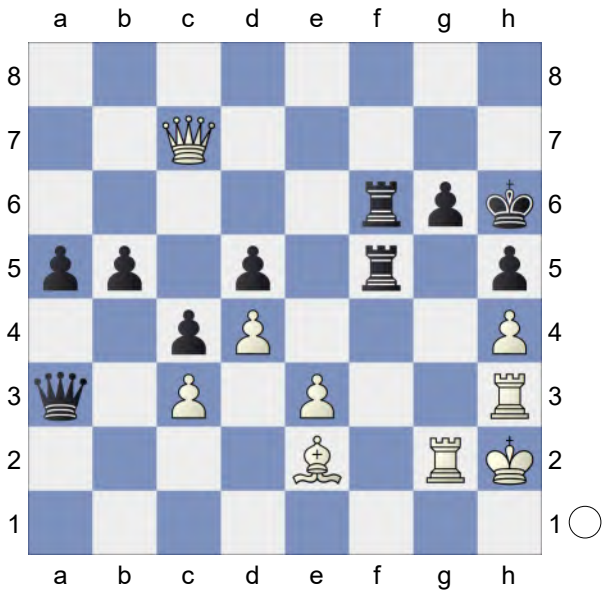
[37.Bxh5? Rf1#]

[37.Rxh5? Qb1+ 38.Qd1 Qxd1+ 39.Bxd1 Rf1#]

37...Kh6 38.Rhg3 R8f6 39.h4 Kh7 40.Rh3 a5 2.75/26

[⌓40...Qe7 1.75/19 41.Kh2 Qxa3]

41.Kh2 Qe7 42.Qg3 Bd1 is the strong threat. **42...Qxa3 43.Qc7+ Kh6**



44.Rhg3! Qd8 would now be deadly.

44...Qd6 45.Qxa5 g5? 4.45/21

[45...Re6 2.50/18 was worth a try. 46.Kg1 *(46.Qxb5 Rxe3 47.Qc5 Qf4=)* 46...Qe7 47.Qxb5 Qxh4]

46.Qa8 2.06/18

[46.Qxb5 gxh4 47.e4 hxg3+ 48.Kg1 Rf2 *(48...dxe4? 49.Qe8-+)* 49.e5 Qa3 50.Qb1 Qxc3 51.Rxf2 Qe3

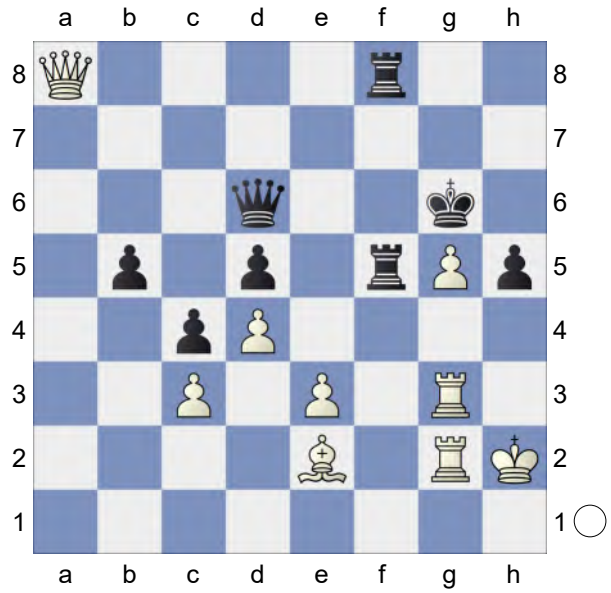
(51...gxf2+ 52.Kg2 Rg6+ 53.Qxg6+ Kxg6 54.Kxf2 Qxd4+ 55.Kf3 c3 56.e6 Kf6 57.Bf1 c2 58.e7 c1Q 59.e8N+ Kg5 60.Kg2 Qg4+ 61.Kh2 Qgf4+ 62.Kh3 Qcxf1#) 52.Kh1 gxf2 *(52...Rxf2 53.Qb6+ Kg7 54.Qb7+ Rf7 55.Qxf7+ Kxf7 56.Bxh5+ Kg7 57.Kg2 Qf2+ 58.Kh3 g2 59.Be8 g1Q 60.Bh5 Qfh2#)* 53.Bf1 Rg6]

[⌓46.hxg5+ 4.45/21 Rxg5 47.Qa8 *(47.Qxb5 Rxg3 48.Qc5 Rxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Qe6 50.Bf3 Qg8+* Deflection *51.Kh2 Rxf3 52.Qd6+ Qg6 53.Qxg6+ Kxg6 54.Kg2 Rxe3 55.Kf2 Rxc3 56.Kg2 h4 57.Kh1 Rc2 58.Kg1 Rd2 59.Kf1 c3 60.Ke1 Kf5 61.Kf1 c2 62.Kg1 c1Q#)*]

46...Rf8? 4.08/21

[46...g4 2.06/18 47.Qh8+ Kg6 48.Qe8+ Kh6 49.Qxb5 Qe6]

47.hxg5+ Kg6



48.Qa7 Intending Bxh5+! and mate.

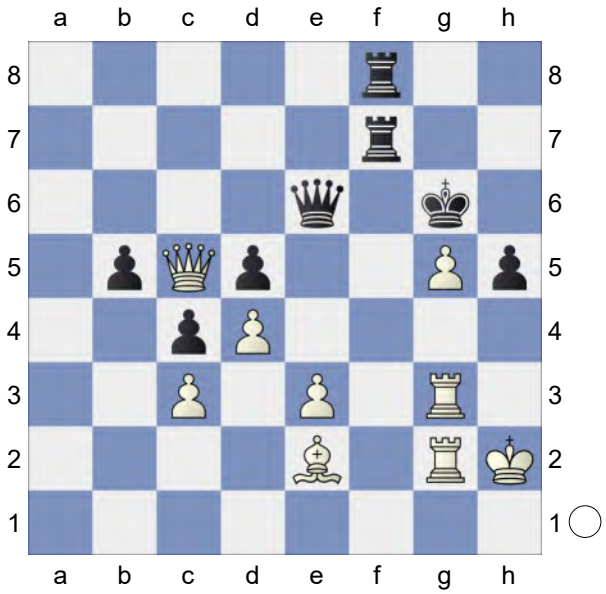
48...R5f7

[48...Rxg5? loses. 49.Qc5]

[Not 48...h4 49.Bh5+ Kxh5 50.Qh7+]

49.Qc5 Qe6 8.69/20

[⌓49...Qxc5 4.53/17 50.dxc5 Rf2]



50.Bxh5+! Kg7

[50...Kxh5 51.g6]

51.Bxf7 Rh8+ 52.Kg1 Qa6 53.Qe7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.45

1-0

119 **D38**

□ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**

■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** **2308**

Masters Open 2024 (2.56) 04.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

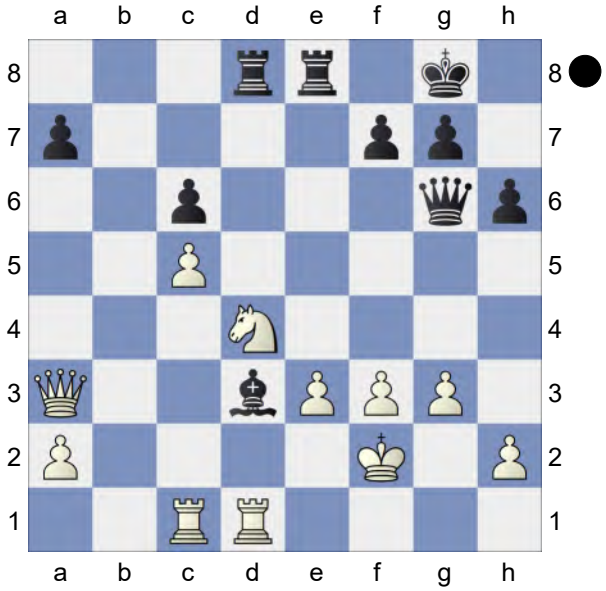
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 0-0 11.Bb5** 0.09/20

[11.0-0-0!± 0.54/23 might be stronger.]

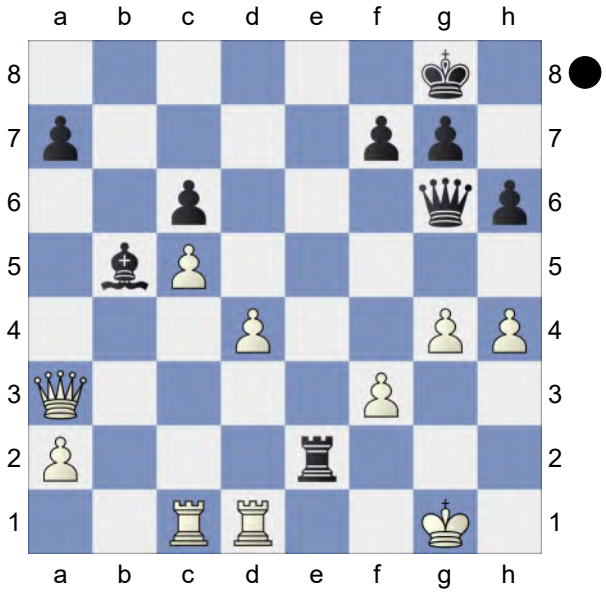
11...d4!= Pin **12.Bxc6 dxc3** The position is equal. **13.Qxb4 cxb2 14.Rb1 bxc6**

[14...a5 is interesting. 15.Qd4 Qxc6 16.0-0 Be6]

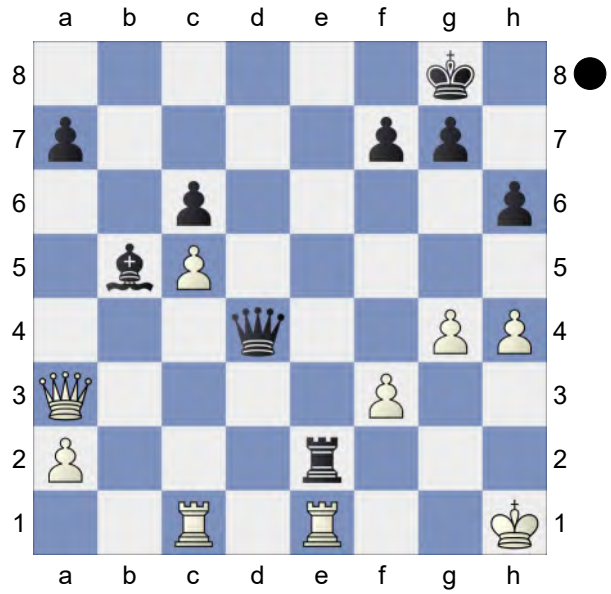
15.Qxb2
[15.0-0!?]
15...Qf5 Threatens to win with ...Ba6!
[15...Qg6 16.0-0 Bh3 17.Nh4 Qg5 18.Qd4 Rfd8 19.Qa4 Bg4 20.g3 Bh3 21.Rfc1 Qf6 22.Qf4 Qe6 23.Nf3 Qxa2 24.g4 Qe6 25.Nd4 Rxd4 26.exd4 Rd8 27.f3 h5 28.Re1 Qg6 29.Rb8 Rxb8 30.Qxb8+ 1-0 Hosmer,H (2660)-Jechov,J (2590) ARG ol2 corr Argentina 1973 (8)]
16.Rc1 -0.25/22
[16.0-0± 0.34/23 Qxc5 17.Rfc1 Qd5 18.Nd4 c5 19.Qb5 Bh3 20.gxh3 Qg5+ 21.Kf1 cxd4 22.Qxg5 hxg5 23.exd4 Rad8 24.Rb4 Queen'S Gambit-6. ♗f6 ♕f6 7. ♕b3 Survey 2022]
16...Ba6 White must now prevent ... Rab8. Black has compensation. **17.Qa3! Bb5N** 0.43/21
[17...Bd3∓ -0.49/26 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Rg1 Rfd8 20.Qb2 *(20.Qc3 Rd5 21.f3 Rh5 22.Kf2 Rxh2 23.e4 Ba6 24.Nf5* D 38/32 2003*)* 20...Rd5 21.f3 Rh5 22.Kf2 Rxh2 23.e4 Ba6 24.Nf5 Re8 25.Rcd1 Kh7 26.Rd6 Re6 27.Qd2 Qf6 28.Rd1 Rh5 29.Qd4 Rxf5 30.exf5 Re2+ 31.Kg1 Qxf5 32.a4 Qg5 1-0 Kaidanov,G (2611)-Serper,G (2540) USA-ch Gr-B Salt Lake City 1999 (3) 33.Qg4 Qxc5+ 34.Kh2 Re5 35.Qd4 Qa5 36.Rd7 Be2 37.Rd2 a6 38.Rxe2 Rxe2 39.Qd3+ f5 40.Qxe2 Qxa4 41.Qe5 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qg5 43.Kf2 1-0 Zienkiewicz,J (2611)-4.Da4 --- (2540) (ol) 97/378 Torino 2006 (3)]
18.Nd4± Qg6 19.g3
[Of course not 19.Nxb5 Qxg2 20.Rf1 cxb5=]
19...Bd3 1.09/20
[⌓19...Rfd8 0.73/21 20.Nxb5 cxb5]
20.f3!± Rad8 aiming for ...Rxd4! **21.Kf2 Rfe8** Strongly threatening ...Rxd4!
22.Rhd1? -4.07/24
[22.Qxa7 Rxd4 23.Rhd1 Qh5-+]
[22.Qc3± 1.11/22]



This costs White the game. **22...Rxd4!-+ 23.exd4** -9.72/36
[⌓23.Qc3 -4.11/18 Rc4 24.Qd2]
[23.h4 Qf5]
23...Re2+ Black is clearly winning. **24.Kf1 Bb5! 25.Kg1 Qh5 26.h4 Qg6! 27.g4**



Qf6! 28.Re1 Qxd4+ 29.Kh1

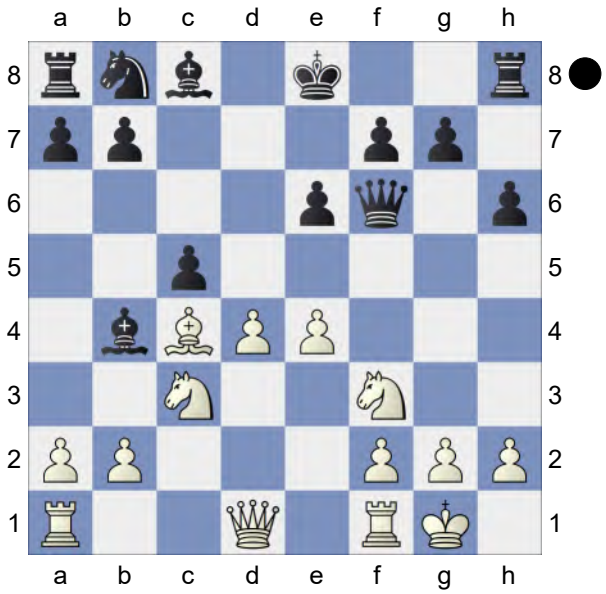


Qf2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

120 **D39**
□ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
■ **George Samir,David** **2272**
Masters Open 2024 (4.45) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

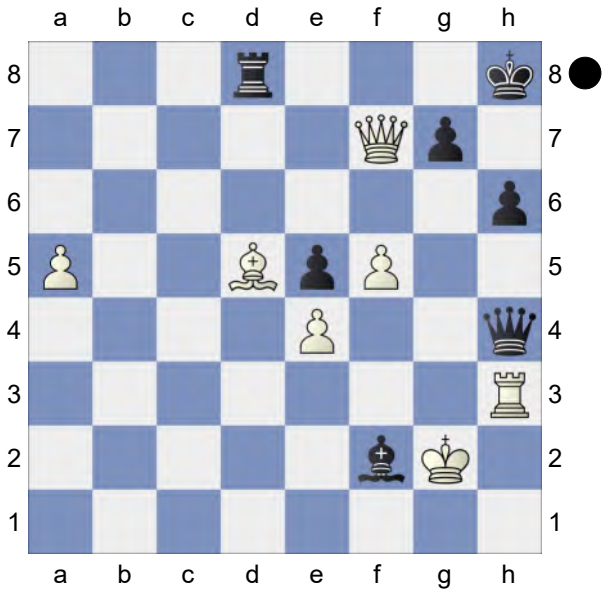
D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0**

(Diagram)



aiming for Nb5 .9.e5 is vanishing. 9.e5 scheint zu verschwinden. **9...cxd4** 9...cxd4 is better than 9...0-0. 9...cxd4 ist besser als 9...0-0. **10.Nb5 Qe7** Dodges Nc7+ **11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...0-0 12.Nxa7 Bc5** Black is weak on the light squares **13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.Qd3 Nc6 15.Qe2 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bb3 Rc5N**
[17...Qf6 18.Rab1 Rc5 19.Kh1 g5 20.g3 Rac8 21.f4 gxf4 22.gxf4 R5c7 23.Rbd1 Ba7 24.Qg4+ Kh7 25.e5 Qg6 26.Qxg6+ Kxg6 27.Kg2 Be3 28.Kf3 Bc1 29.Rf2 Kg7 30.Ke4 Kf8 31.f5 exf5+ 32.Rxf5 1-0 Harikrishna, P (2688)-Volokitin,A (2648) POL-chT Ekstraliga Walbrzych 2024 (5.1)]
18.g3 'N'
[18.Rad1 Qf6 19.Kh1 Bxb2 20.f4 Ba3 21.e5 Qe7 22.f5 exf5 23.Rxf5 Rf8 24.Rdf1 1-0 (32) Guo,Q (2355)-Zhai,M (2354) CHN-chT (Women) 2023 (5.1)]
18...Rac8 19.Kg2 Kh8 20.Rad1 e5 1.47/18
[20...Rd8± 0.67/18]
21.h4 Qd7 22.Rd3 Rc1 2.33/21
[22...Rf8± 1.58/16 23.Rf3 b6]

23.Rxc1+- Rxc1 24.Rf3 f6 25.Qd2 Rc8 26.Bd5 b6 27.Qe2 Qc7 28.Qb5 Qc2 2.71/20
[28...Qc5± 1.46/17 29.Qe2 b5]
29.b4 Qc7 30.a4 Qa7 31.g4 Qe7 32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 f5 4.63/19
[⌓33...Rd8 3.09/20 34.a6 Qd6]
34.gxf5 Qxh4 35.Qd7 Rd8 36.Qf7 Bxf2 5.08/22
[36...Qf6 3.42/18 is a better defense. 37.a6 Qxf7 38.Bxf7 Rf8]
37.Rh3? -0.06/21
[37.Rxf2 Qg5+ 38.Kh2 Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Qg5+ 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Kg2 Qg5+ 42.Kf3 Qf4+ 43.Ke2 Qg4+ 44.Rf3 Qg2+ 45.Rf2 Qg4+ 46.Rf3 Qg2+ 47.Rf2 Qg4+=]
[Better is 37.f6+- 5.08/22 gxf6 38.Rxf2 Qg5+ 39.Kh2]



37...Qg4+= 38.Kxf2 Qxh3 Endgame. KQR-KQB **39.a6?** -3.57/24 This move loses the game for White.
[39.Qc7!∓ -0.44/17 Qh4+ 40.Ke2]
39...Rc8-+ 40.Bc4? -6.52/17
[40.Bc6 -1.67/19]
40...Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kf1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qe3+ 44.Kh2 Qd2+ 45.Kg3 Qc3+ 46.Kh4 Qxc4
[Not 46...Rxc4 47.Qe8+ Kh7 48.Qg6+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Qg6+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kh7=]
47.Qb7 Qc6 -11.95/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.29 (precise)
[⌓47...Qc2 -#33/27 48.Kh5 Rf8 49.Qd5 Qh2+ 50.Kg4 Rc8 51.Qb3 Qg2+ 52.Qg3 Qxe4+ 53.Kh3 Qh1+ *(53...Qxf5+ gets mated. 54.Kh2 Qh5+ 55.Kg1 Rc1+ 56.Kg2 Rc2+ 57.Qf2 Qg4+ 58.Kf1 Rc1+ 59.Qe1 Qf3+* Deflection *60.Kg1 Rxe1+ 61.Kh2 Rh1#)* 54.Kg4 Rc4+ 55.Qf4 Rxf4+ 56.Kg3 Rf3+ 57.Kg4 Qh3#]
0-1

121 **D38**
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
Masters Open 2024 (7.66) 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
Inf 103/(292) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...Re8 8.a3 Bf8 9.Bd2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 c6 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Bd3 h6 16.e4 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Qc7 18.e5 Rad8 19.f4 Qb6 20.Qe2 Qb3 21.f5 Bd5 22.Rhg1 ½-½ (36) Ponomariov,R (2647)-Piorun,K (2597) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (5)]
8.a3 Bd6N 0.99/21
[8...Bxc3+± 0.36/20 9.Qxc3 Re8]
[8...Be7 9.b4 b6 10.Bb2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bb7 12.0-0 b5 13.Bd3 h6 14.Ne4 Nd7 15.Rfd1 f5 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.d5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.e4

Nxb4 20.axb4 fxe4 21.Bf1 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Bxc6 23.Ne5 1-0 (42) Udeshi,A (2635)-Novikov,S (2594) Kragero Resort Chess 2017 (9) Bd5 24.Rdc1 Bf6 25.Rxc7 Rfc8 26.Rac1 Rxc7 27.Rxc7 a5 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Nc6 Ra2 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Ne7+ Kf8 32.Bxb5 Ra1+ 33.Bf1 Bb3 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.h3 Re1 36.g3 Ba4 37.Kg2 Bd1 38.Nh4 ½-½ (42) Wang,H (2743)-Radjabov,T (2745) Norway Chess 1st 2013 (4) Bf3+ 39.Nxf3 exf3+ 40.Kg1 e5 41.Rc3 e4 42.Re3 1-0 Aronian,L (2813)-Hammer,J (2608) Norway Chess 1st 2013 (6)]

9.c5± White is better. **9...Be7 10.b4 Re8 11.Bb2 Bf8 12.b5** 0.24/22

[White should play 12.Bd3± 1.08/21]

12...Nb8 13.bxa6 bxa6 0.81/24

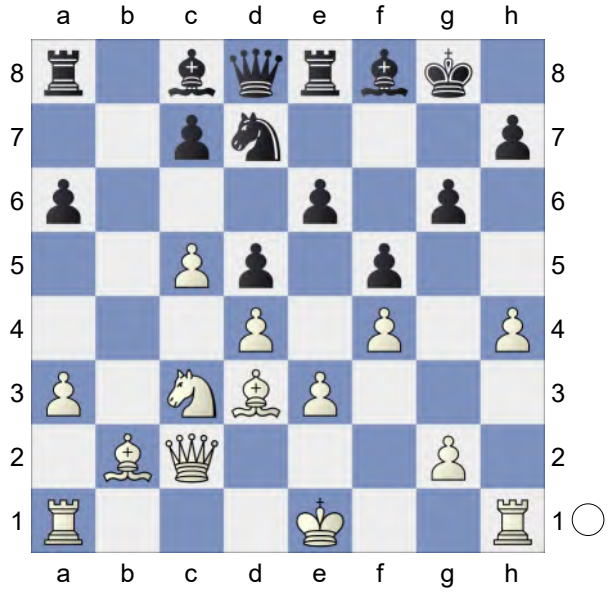
[13...b6± 0.42/19]

14.Ne5 Nfd7 15.f4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

15...f6 1.20/22 Against h4

[15...Nxe5± 0.70/20 16.fxe5 Kh8]

16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Bd3 g6 18.h4 f5



19.g4! Nf6

[19...fxg4 20.h5]

20.g5 Ng4 21.Bc1

[21.Ke2 looks sharper. h5 22.Na2 a5 23.Rab1]

21...h5 22.Rb1 Bd7 23.Bd2 Bc6 24.Na2 Bb5 25.a4 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd7 27.Qc2 Reb8 1.98/21

[27...Kh7± 1.29/20 was called for. 28.c6 Qd6]

28.Ke2+- Qe8 29.Ba5 Ra7? 3.73/23

[29...e5 1.66/19 was necessary. 30.fxe5 Qf7]

30.Rxb8 Qxb8 31.Rb1 Qe8 32.Qb3 Rb7? 6.14/20

[32...Qd7 3.28/18 33.Rb2 e5]

33.Qxb7 Qxa4 34.Qb3

[34.Bxc7 is a self mate. Qc2+ 35.Ke1 Qf2+ *(35...Qxa2? 36.Qb2+-)* 36.Kd1 Nxe3+ 37.Kc1 Qc2#]

34...Qxa5 35.Nc3 Bxc5 36.dxc5 Qxc5 37.Nd1 d4 38.Qxe6+ Kg7 39.Qd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.55

[Stronger than 39.Qxa6 Qc2+ *(39...dxe3?* is the wrong capture. *40.Qa4+-)* 40.Ke1 Qxb1=]

1-0

122 **D38**

□ **Kanyamarala,Tarun** **2369**

■ **Krishnan,Ritvik** **2206**

Fagernes Autumn op (6) 10.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

Inf 75/(390) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2** 10.Rc1 gains popularity. 10.Tc1 wird beliebter. **10...Bf5N**

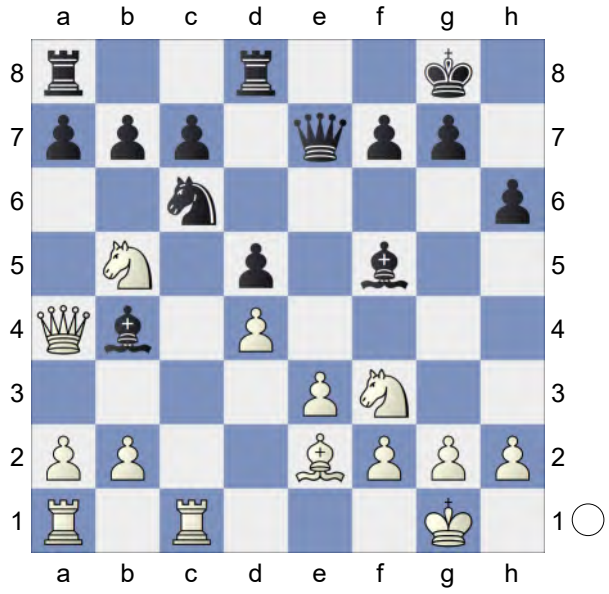
[10...Be6 11.a3 Bd6 12.Nb5 Bg4 13.0-0 a6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rac1 Nd8 16.Qb3 Rb8 17.Qc2 Bxf3

18.Bxf3 c6 19.g3 Ne6 20.Bg2 g6 21.b4 h5 22.h4 Kg7 23.Rb1 Rh8 ½-½ Mirzoev,A (2471)-Cardoso Cardoso,J (2486) Jamundi Fortalece Sede op 2022 (7)]

[10...a6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Rfc1 *(12.Ne1 Bd6 13.Nd3 Rad8 14.Qd1 Ne7 15.g3 g6 16.Bf3 h5 17.Nf4 Bxf4 18.gxf4 Nf5 19.Kh1 c5 20.dxc5 d4 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Qe2 Nh4 23.Nd6 d3 24.Qd1 b6 25.b4 bxc5 26.bxc5 Qc7* 0-1 (46) Sukhareva,O (2615)-Lim,H (2560) 153/110 Praha 2022*)* 12...Bd6 13.Qd1 Rae8 14.Na4 Nd8 15.Nc5 Bc8 16.b4 Ne6 17.a4 Ng5 18.b5 a5 19.Nxg5 Qxg5 20.Bf3 b6 21.Nd3 Bf5 22.Ne5 Be6 23.Qc2 Re7 24.Nc6 Ree8 25.g3 (31) Yermolinsky,A (2625)-Milov,V (2640) Groningen 75/(390) 1998]

11.0-0 Rfd8 12.Rfc1 a5N 0.52/23

[12...Qd6 0.68/24 12...Bf8 0.25 13.Nb5 Qe7



14.a3 0.56/22 *(14.Nxc7!± 0.93/24 Qxc7 15.Qxb4* Pin *)* 14...Bd6 15.Rc3 *(15.Nxd6!? Qxd6 16.h3∓)* 15...a6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Rac1 Rdc8 18.b4 0.27/21 *(18.Nh4± 0.72/23 Be4 19.Rc5)* 18...Ne7 ½-½ (39) Gozzoli,Y (2594)-Hansen,T (2429) Andorra op 35th 2017 (3)]

[12...a6= 0.10/25]

13.a3± Bf8 14.Qb5 Qd6 15.Qb3

[15.Qxb7? Rab8 *(15...Rdb8? 16.Nb5-+)* 16.Qa6 Rb6-+]

15...Rac8 0.75/19

[15...Ne7= 0.14/22]

16.Nd2 0.39/21

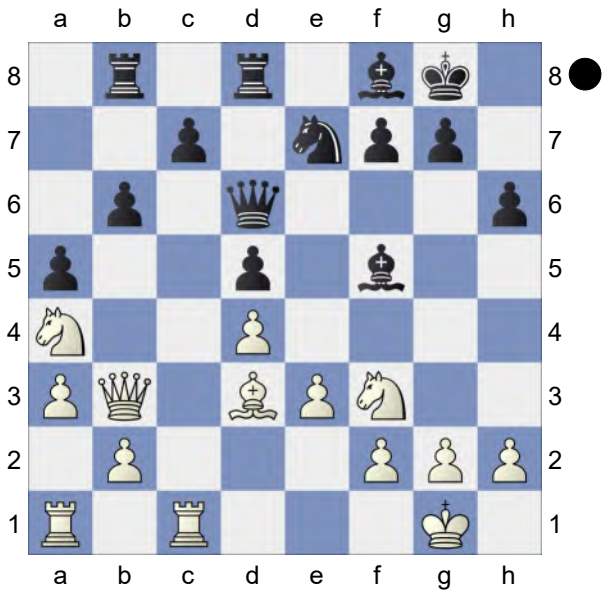
[16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qa6 Rb6∓]

[Better is 16.Nb5± 0.75/19 Qd7 17.Nc3]

16...Ne7 17.Na4 -0.01/22

[17.Qxb7± 0.40/23 is more appropriate. Rb8 18.Qa6 Qxa6 19.Bxa6 Rxb2 20.Nf3]

17...b6= 18.Nf3 Rb8 19.Bd3



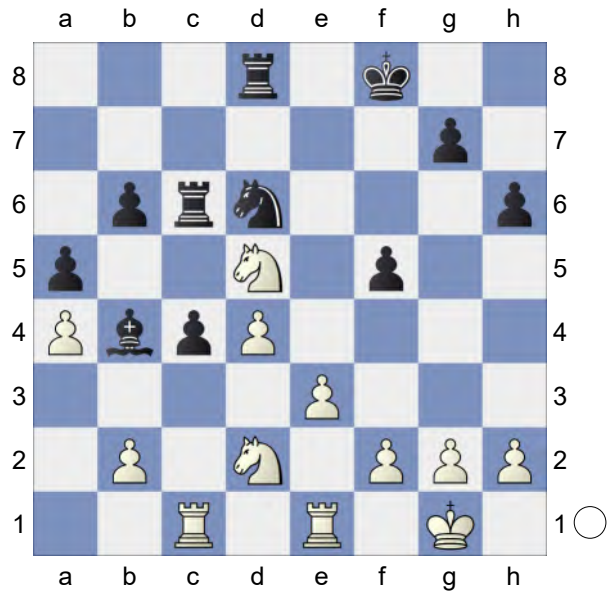
c5! And now ...c4 would win. **20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.Qb5 Rdc8 22.Nc3 Qe6 23.Qb3 Rd8 24.a4 Rbc8 25.Re1 c4 26.Qd1 Bb4 27.Nd2 Nd6 28.Rc1 Rc6** 0.25/21

[28...b5∓ -0.37/21 29.axb5 f5]

29.Qf3 -0.41/22

[29.e4!= 0.25/21 Bxc3 30.exd5 Qxd5 31.bxc3]

29...f5? 1.40/22
[29...Re8∓ -0.41/22 stays ahead.]
30.Qxd5± Qxd5 31.Nxd5 Kf8



Prevents Ne7 **32.Nc3!** Excellent horsemanship. This costs Black the game. **32...Nf7?** 2.74/20
[32...b5± 1.17/23]
33.Rc2 Rdc8 34.Rec1 Nd6 35.g3 Kf7? 5.27/22
[35...R6c7 3.17/22 36.Nd5 Bxd2 37.Rxd2 Rb7]
36.Nf3+- R6c7 37.Ne5+ Ke6 38.h4 g5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Kg2 Threatens to win with Rh1. **40...Rh7** 4.66/22
[40...Bxc3 2.66/21 is a better defense. 41.bxc3 *(41.Rxc3 Kd5+-)* 41...g4]
41.Nb5 Nxb5 42.axb5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.45
42...Kd5 6.78/22
[⌓42...c3 4.02/23 43.bxc3 Bd6]
1-0

123 **D38**
□ **Lee,Justin** **2271**
■ **Lin,Andy** **2334**
Washington op 10th (7) 15.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Qc2 g5 8...c5 is vanishing. 8…c5 scheint zu verschwinden. **9.Bg3 Ne4** The position is equal. **10.Nd2 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Nb6 12.a3 Bf8 13.e3 c6 14.Bd3**
[14.b4 a5 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nb3 Bd6 18.Nd4 a4 19.Be2 Qf6 20.Qd3 0-0 21.0-0 Rd8 22.Rfc1 Bf8 23.Qd1 Qe5 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Bc2 Rdc8 26.Nxa4 Nxa4 27.Bxa4 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Bxa3 ß-ß (46) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 (2765)-Grube,J (2790) GER CupT sf Erfurt 2004 (7)]
14...Bg7N 0.47/16
[Vorgänger: 14...Be6 15.0-0-0 *(15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 h5 17.b4 a5 18.b5 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Nb3 Bb6 21.Nd4 Qf6 22.Rc1 h4 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.gxh4 Rxh4 25.Rxh4 gxh4 26.Qg4 Kd7 27.a4 Rf8 28.Rc2 Kd6 29.g3 Qa1+* (46) Model Games-1. Nanu,C*; 15.f4 Qe7 16.Nf3 Bg7 17.a4 a5 18.Kf2 0-0-0 19.Qb3 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Qa3 Qc7 22.fxg5 Bf8 23.Qa2 Rg8 24.Rh5 f6 25.g6 Rxg6 26.Ne2 Bd6 27.Nf4 Bxf4 28.gxf4 Rdg8 29.Rg1 Bg4* 0-1 (38) Faizrakhmanov,R (2461)-Liyanage,R (2359) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (6)*)* 15...Qe7 16.Nb3 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Kb8 18.Rc1 h5 19.Nc5 h4 20.Ne2 -0.37/20 *(20.gxh4= 0.06/22 gxh4 21.Rcd1)*

20...Bc8 21.gxh4 Rxh4 22.Rxh4 gxh4 ½-½ Visakh,N (2506)-Parligras,M (2579) FRA-chT Top 16 GpA 2022 (4.1)]

[14...Qf6= -0.02/19]

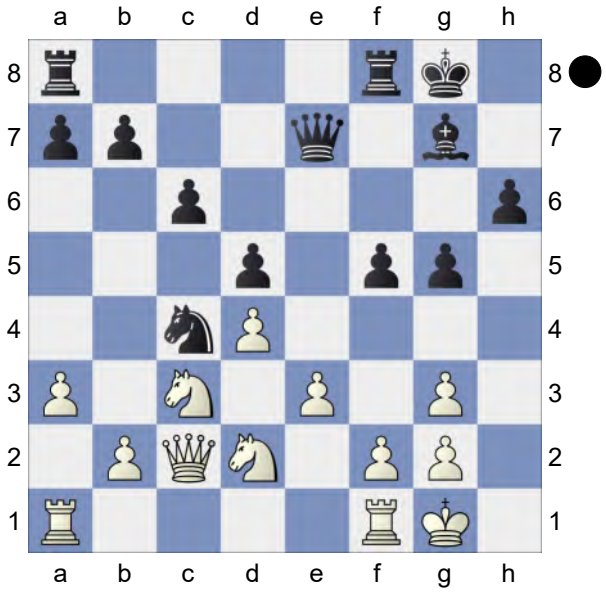
15.Bf5 -0.04/19

[15.b4± 0.47/16]

15...Qe7 ...Bxf5 would now be deadly.

16.Nb3 Bxf5 17.Qxf5 Nc4 18.Qc2 0-0 19.0-0 f5 20.Nd2 -0.09/15

[20.Rae1∓ -0.47/18]



20...Nxe3 0.91/20 **21.fxe3± Qxe3+ 22.Kh2 f4** 1.33/19

[22...Qxd4± 0.36/21 23.Rae1 Qg4]

23.gxf4 This costs Black the game.

23...Rxf4? 2.93/23

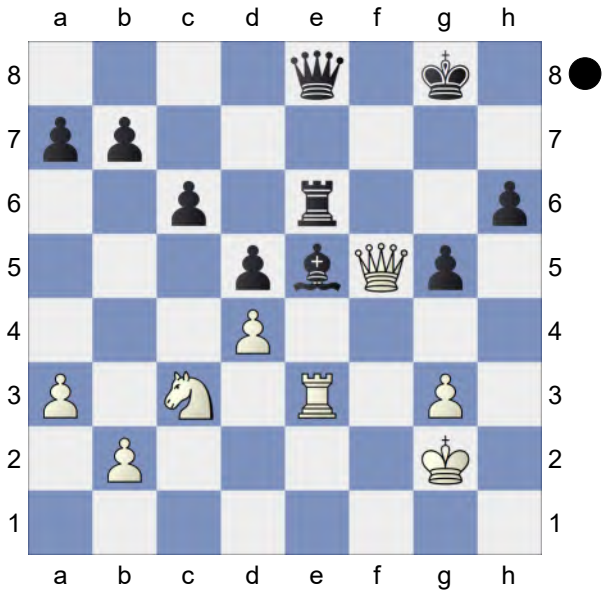
[23...Qxd4± 1.26/19 24.Nf3 Qxf4+ 25.g3 Qf5]

24.Nf3+- and Rae1 would now be decisive **24...Qe8 25.g3 Rf6 26.Ne5 Qh5+ 27.Kg2 Raf8 28.Rxf6 Rxf6 29.Rh1 Qe8 30.Re1 Re6 31.Qf5 Rf6 32.Qd3 Re6 33.Re3**

[Not 33.Qf5 Rf6 34.Qd3 Qe6+-]

33...Bxe5 34.Qf5

[34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.dxe5 Qxe5 36.Qg6+ Qg7 37.Qe6+ Kh8±]



Pin **34...Qf7 35.Rxe5 Rf6** 6.00/22

[35...Qxf5 2.54/20 36.Rxf5 Kg7]

36.Qc2 White is clearly winning.

36...Qh5 37.Qe2 Repels Qf3+

37...Qxe2+ 38.Nxe2 Endgame KRN-KR **38...Kf7 39.Nc1 Re6** 8.10/23

[⌓39...g4 5.07/22 40.Re3 Re6]

40.Rxe6 Kxe6 KN-KP **41.g4 b6 42.Nd3 a5 43.Kf3 a4 44.Ke3 Kd6 45.Ne5 c5 46.Nf7+ Kc6 47.Nxh6 Kb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.59

48.Kd3

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124 **D38**

□ **Boggiano Pereira,Miguel A** **2015**

■ **Can,Emre** **2547**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (1.22) 11.09.2024

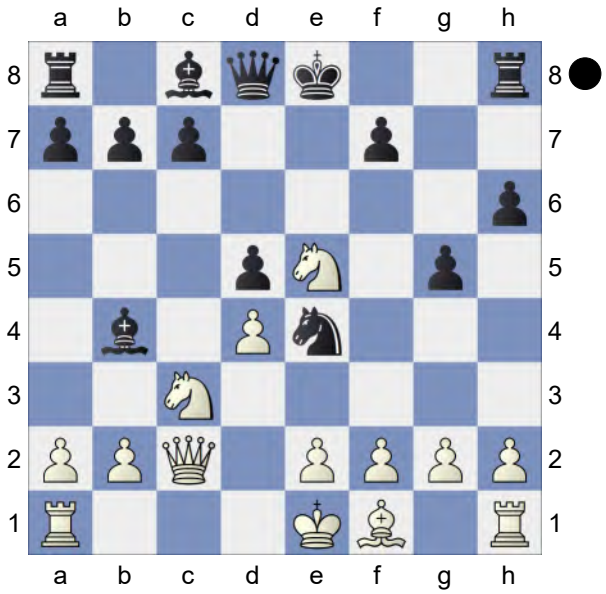
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qc2 h6! is more profitable than 7...c5 at the

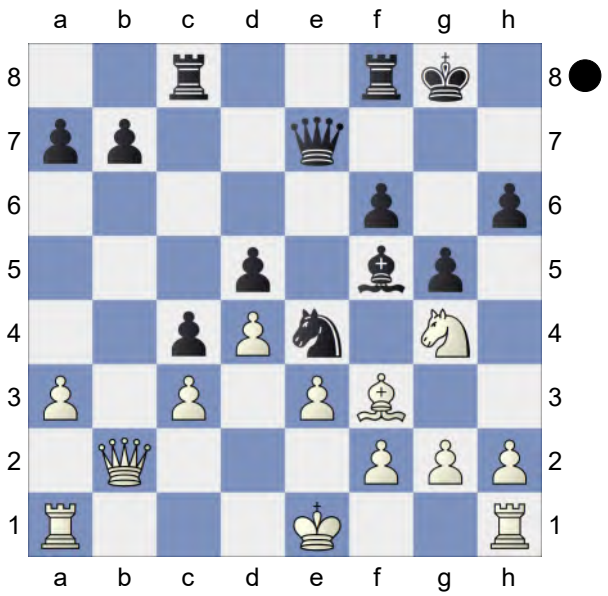
moment. scheint profitabler als 7...c5. **8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Be5N** -0.70/23
[Vorgänger: 10.Nd2 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Nb6 12.a3 *(12.e3 c6 13.a3 Bf8 14.b4 a5 15.b5 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nb3 Bd6 18.Nd4 a4 19.Be2 Qf6 20.Qd3 0-0 21.0-0 Rd8 22.Rfc1 Bf8 23.Qd1 Qe5 24.Bd3 Bd7 25.Bc2 Rdc8 26.Nxa4 Nxa4* ½-½ (46) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4_43147 (2765)-Grube,J (2790) GER CupT sf Erfurt 2004 (7)*)* 12...Bf8 13.e3 Be6 14.Bd3 c6 15.Rb1 *(15.0-0-0 Qe7 16.Bf5 0-0-0 17.g4 Kb8 18.Kb1 Bg7 19.Ne2 Rc8* 1) 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4-7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Qc2 with 9.Bg3 &*; 15.f4 Qe7 16.Nf3 Bg7 17.a4 a5 18.Kf2 0-0-0 19.Qb3 Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Qa3 Qc7 22.fxg5 Bf8 23.Qa2 Rg8 24.Rh5 f6 25.g6 Rxg6 26.Ne2 Bd6 27.Nf4 Bxf4 28.gxf4 Rdg8 29.Rg1 Bg4* 0-1 (38) Kriventsov,S (2461)-Russell,J (2359) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (6) *)* 15...a5 0.41/22 *(15...h5=* -0.07/21 *)* 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 0-1 Yilmaz,M (2639)-Caruana,F (2782) FIDE World Cup 2023 (3.3)]
[10.Nd2= 0.25/24]
10...Nxe5∓ 11.Nxe5

(Diagram)



and Qa4+ would now be decisive **11...Qe7** 0.05/23
[11...c5∓ -0.47/26 12.Nd3 cxd4 Pin 13.Nxb4 dxc3]
12.e3= Bf5 Active counter play! **13.Qb3** -0.86/24
[13.Bb5+= -0.01/27 c6 14.Nxc6 Nxc3 15.bxc3 *(15.Nxe7+? Nxb5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *16.Ke2 Bxc2-+)* 15...Bxc2 16.Nxe7+ Kxe7 17.cxb4]
13...0-0 14.a3 Prevents c5 **14...Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 c5 16.Be2** -1.20/23
[16.Qxd5∓ -0.44/24 Rac8 *(16...Nxc3 17.Qc4±)* 17.Qb3]
16...Rac8 17.Bf3 -1.30/24
[White should try 17.Qb2 -0.87/22]
17...c4 -0.74/22
[Black should play 17...Kg7 -1.30/24 Hoping for ...Rc7. 18.Bxe4 dxe4]
Now White is beyond hope. **18.Qb2** -2.19/23
[18.Qb4∓ -0.74/22 might work better. Qxb4 Remove Defender 19.axb4]
18...f6-+ 19.Ng4

(Diagram)



Kg7 20.h3 -2.43/24
[⌓20.h4 -1.84/23]
20...Rc6 21.0-0 Rb6 22.Qc1 h5 23.Nh2 Rb3 24.Bxe4 Qxe4
[Less strong is 24...Bxe4 25.Re1∓]
25.Rd1 White is weak on the light squares **25...Qc2 26.Qxc2 Bxc2 27.Rdc1 Bd3**
[Worse is 27...Rxc3 28.Nf3+-]
28.a4 Re8 29.Ra2 Re6 30.Nf3? -3.97/27
[30.h4 -2.43/25]
30...Reb6 31.Nd2 Rb2 32.Rca1 a5 33.f3 Kf7 34.e4 Ke6 35.Kf2? -6.00/23
[35.g3 -3.65/25 dxe4 36.fxe4]
35...dxe4 Black is clearly winning.
36.fxe4 Bxe4 37.Ke3 Bd3
[37...Bxg2? 38.Rxb2 Rxb2 39.Nxc4∓]
38.Ne4 Bxe4 39.Kxe4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
39...f5+
0-1

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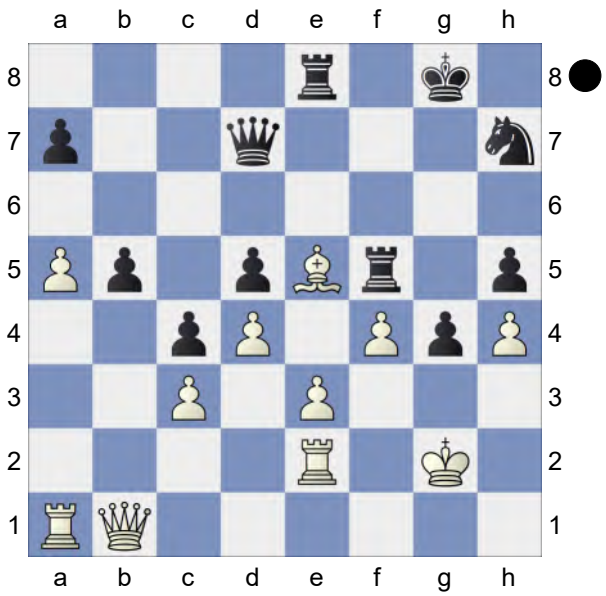
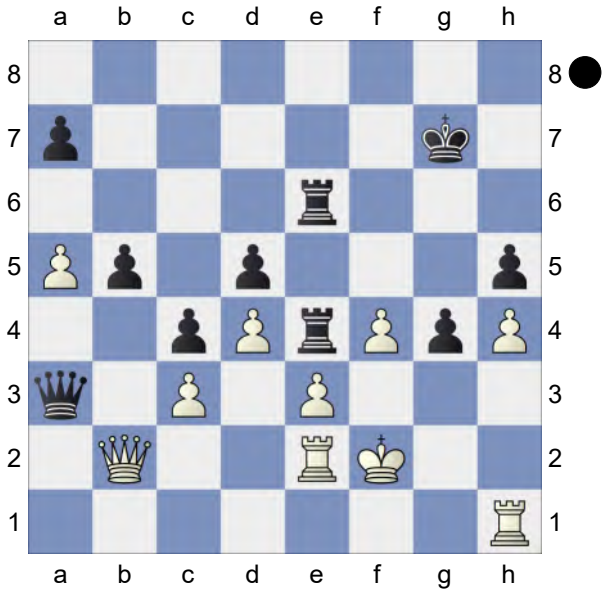
[TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 b6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.a4 c4 E58: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 8 a3 Bxc3
[11...Bg4 12.Ba3 Ne4 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qg5 17.Bd6 Bf3 18.Bg3 Be4 19.Bb5 1-0 (29) Perdomo,L (2466)-Leitao,N (2107) Belem 2017]
12.Bc2 Bg4 13.h3N
[Predecessor: 13.Qe1 Re8 14.Nh4 Bh5 15.f3 Bg6 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.e4 dxe4 18.fxe4 Qd7 19.Bg5 1-0 (36) Taimanov,M-Botvinnik,M Moscow (Russia) 1953]
13...Bh5! Black is slightly better. **14.g4 Bg6 15.Ne5 Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Qc7 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.a5 b5 19.Kg2 Rfe8 20.Bd2 Re6 21.f3 Rae8 22.Rfe1 Qc7 23.Re2 Ra6 24.Qa2 h5! 25.Be1**
[25.Qc2∓]
25...Qd7
[25...hxg4-+ 26.hxg4 Qd7]
26.g5∓ Nh7 27.h4 f6 28.gxf6 Rxf6 29.Bg3 g5
[29...Nf8∓]
30.Be5 g4↑ Black fights for an advantage. **31.f4**
[31.Rf2!=]
31...Rf5
[31...a6∓ 32.Bxf6 Nxf6]
32.Qb1?
[32.a6!= and White has nothing to worry.]



32...Nf6
[Black should try 32...a6!-+ 33.Kg1 Nf6 34.Bxf6 Rxf6]
33.Bxf6 Rxf6 34.Kg3?
[34.a6∓ was called for.]
34...Re4-+ 35.Qc2 Qc7 Threatens to win with ...Rxe3+! **36.Qd2 Ra6 37.Qa2 Kg7 38.Kf2?**
[38.Qa3 is tougher.]
38...Qe7 39.Rh1 Rae6 40.Qd2 Qa3 41.Qb2?
[41.Rb1 Qxa5 42.Kg2]



41...Qxb2
[⌓41...Rxe3! 42.Rd2 *(42.Rxe3 Qxb2+)* 42...Qe7]
42.Rxb2 Rxe3 Endgame KRR-KRR
43.f5 Rf3+ 44.Kg2 Rxf5 45.Rxb5
[⌓45.a6 Rxa6 46.Re1]
45...Re2+ 46.Kg1 Rc2 47.Rh2 Rc1+ 48.Kg2 Rxc3
[⌓48...Rff1 49.Rh1 Rxh1 50.Rxd5 Rxh4]
49.Kg1 Rc1+ 50.Kg2 Rd1 51.Rb7+ Rf7 52.a6 Rxb7
[⌓52...c3 53.Rxf7+ Kxf7 54.Kg3 Rd3+ 55.Kg2 c2 56.Rh1 Rd1 57.Kh2 Rxh1+ 58.Kxh1 c1Q+ 59.Kh2 Qc2+ 60.Kh1 g3 61.Kg1 Qh2+ 62.Kf1 Qf2#]
53.axb7 KR-KR **53...Rb1 54.Kg3 Rxb7 55.Kf4 Kf6** (→ ...Rb3) **56.Ra2 Rc7 57.Ra6+ Ke7 58.Ke5 c3** Black mates.
59.Ra1 c2 60.Rc1 g3 Precision: White = 27%, Black = 52%.
0-1